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AID TO BRITAIN BILL OUTLINED: SWEEPING MEASURES DISCLOSED

Special to the "Telegraph"

WASHINGTON, JAN. 10 (UP).—IT IS UNDERSTOOD THE ADMINISTRATION'S SWEEPING NEW BILL, DESIGNED TO AID THE DEMOCRACIES, WHICH WILL BE INTRODUCED IN CONGRESS TO-DAY, INCLUDES A PROVISION FOR REPAIRING AND OUTFITTING BRITISH WARSHIPS AT AMERICAN SHIPYARDS, AND A CLAUSE ASSERTING THE PROVISIONS OF THE MEASURE ARE APPLICABLE "NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF ANY OTHER LAW."

Battleship In Naples Harbour Believed Hit

CAIRO, Jan. 10 (Reuter).—A hit or a very near miss on the stern of an Italian battleship of the Littorio class during a particularly heavy raid on Naples is announced in an R.A.F. (Middle East) communique.

The attack was made on Wednesday night and battleships, merchant shipping, docks and the railway station at Naples were the objectives.

"BLITZ" RAID ON CALAIS

Violent R.A.F. Action

LONDON, Jan. 10 (Reuter).—A force of R.A.F. bombers, strongly supported by fighters, to-day conducted a daylight "blitz" on German aerodromes in France in the style of the R.A.F. hammering of Italian aerodromes in Libya.

The operation is described as an "extensive sweep" over the Pas de Calais.

Several aerodromes were bombed and machine-gun attacks were made from a low level on military installations and patrol vessels.

No Aircraft Lost

Only a few German fighters were encountered. Three were shot down and a number were damaged on the ground. No British aircraft was lost. There are no reports of German air activity over Britain.

The R.A.F.'s attack on Brest on Thursday night lasted six hours. In bright moonlight, the crews of the TURN to Page 2, Column Five

Egyptians Attack Fascism

ORGANISATION
FORMED

ALEXANDRIA, Jan. 10 (Reuter).—An Italian anti-Fascist movement is rapidly gaining strength in Egypt where various groups are uniting under a central organisation in Cairo.

These in turn are carrying on active propaganda work among the rest of the 60,000 Italians now in Egypt.

Dr. Protano, President of the Alexandria section of the recently founded "Gruppo Antifascista" to-day declared: "We wish to see Italy freed from the tyranny of Mussolini, the Fascist regime abolished and the treaties with Germany which led to this unfortunate state of war broken. All anti-Fascists in Egypt are good Italian citizens and most of them fought in the World War on the side of the Allies."

Dr. Protano expressed the hope that Count Sforza, former Italian Foreign Minister, who was exiled because of his anti-Fascist opinions, might be available to lead the movement.

The bombs which fell on or very near the stern of a battleship caused a dull red glow. Other bombs caused outbreaks of fire among larger motor vessels. Fires were also started along the waterfront from the north end of the dock to the jetty.

Gasometer on Fire

Several bombs hit buildings on the quay and railway lines, which the railway station suffered direct hits. A gasometer was set on fire and a series of explosions was caused in the dock area and among shipping.

One particularly violent explosion occurred on the north railway line. A successful attack was made on Benina aerodrome on January 8.

Direct hits were registered on hangars and barracks were seen to be gutted. Many aircraft were set on fire and at least 12 were seen to be burning fiercely.

During Wednesday night, Benghazi was heavily raided. Bombs fell on government buildings, causing fires and explosions. One ship is believed to have received a direct hit.

On the same night, Tobruk was raided and direct hits were registered on buildings.

Other aircraft attacked Palermo where explosions were caused on or near shipping moored to the jetty. Bombs straddled to the northern mole and a wharf.

Italian troop concentrations were attacked at Tesseni in East Africa.

FALL OF KLISURA

Officially Announced

ATHENS, Jan. 10 (Reuter).—Announcing the capture of Klisura, an official communique says: "The very hard battle which our heroic army has been waging for several days in the strongly fortified region of Klisura has ended in a fresh Greek triumph. Our troops have occupied the town of Klisura."

The advance is continuing with irresistible momentum. Reports from the front stress that during the past 48 hours, Italian resistance was confined to heavy artillery fire and desperate attempts by Italian aircraft to hamper Greek movements while Italian detachments were busy attempting to build new defensive positions.

Meanwhile the Greek press acknowledges with gratitude the continued successes of all the three British fighting services in Libya.

HEROISM & CHIVALRY MARK END OF BRITISH SHIP

LONDON, Jan. 10 (Reuter).—Before the crew of the British merchant ship Shakespeare had abandoned the vessel off the coast of Portugal, they had fought a gallant action with only one gun against an Italian U-boat.

Details of the fight, which lasted two hours, were received in London to-day. Not until 19 of the crew had been killed and some of the remaining 23 had been wounded was a lifeboat

Authorities interpret this as waiving the Neutrality Law and the Johnson Act insofar as it will permit lending munitions, interchanging defence information and outfitting belligerent battleships in a United States harbour.

FIVE MAIN POINTS

The Bill was introduced in Congress at noon to-day and its early passage is anticipated. It is entitled "An Act to promote United States Defence" and provides: "Notwithstanding any other law, the President may from time to time, when he deems to be in the interest of national defence, authorise the Secretaries of War and Navy or the head of any other Department firstly, to manufacture in their arsenals any article for the defence of any country the President deems vital for United States defence;

Secondly, to sell, transfer, exchange, lease, lend or otherwise dispose of any such Government defence article;

Thirdly, to test, inspect, prove, repair, outfit, recodition or otherwise place in good order defence, articles for other Government;

Fourthly, to communicate defence information to foreign export.

Defence articles are defined as "any weapon, munition, aircraft, vessel, machinery, facility, tool, material or supply necessary for the manufacture, production, processing, repair or servicing operation."

Can Exchange Information
The Bill authorises the President to communicate information of any plan, specification, design, prototype or information pertaining to a defence article.

It provides that contracts for the transfer of war materials must contain a clause binding the recipient Government not to transfer title or possession of the material without the consent of the President. Contracts must fully protect the patent rights of all United States citizens concerned.

The Bill includes authority to repair or outfit British warships in American shipyards. This is contained by authoritative sources earlier.

At the press conference to-day, President Roosevelt said he did not personally desire the powers given him in to-day's Bill but "somebody obviously must have it." He said that if the policy of the United States is to assist the Democracies to survive, methods of speed must be provided which are strictly legal. He declined to guess the sums involved. He said the new legislation would not imply the repealing of the Johnson Act banning the credits to nations who defaulted in the payment of their world war debts. He declared that the Bill applied 99 per cent to future wars.

Arsenal of Democracies
WASHINGTON, Jan. 10 (Reuter). The British Aid Bill in terms accompanying the statement which Congressional leaders issued when it was introduced to-day simply translates into legislative form the policy of making America the arsenal of the Democracies, and seeks to carry out President Roosevelt's pledge to send to those countries in "ever increasing numbers, ships, planes, tanks and guns."

The Bill would, as the statement added, enable the United States to furnish war materials of every kind TURN to Page 2, Column Five

The German announcement says that the deliveries provided for far exceed those of the first year of the treaty. Germany will deliver industrial equipment and will receive raw materials, naphtha products and foodstuffs.

The official German news agency says that all economic questions including those arising from the incorporation of new territories in the U.S.S.R. were settled in a manner corresponding to the interests of the two countries.

Shortly afterwards the Shakespeare was sunk by gunfire. The commander of the U-boat acted up to the best traditions of the sea and towed the Shakespeare's lifeboat within sight of land.

AN EMPIRE ON THE VERGE OF TOTTERING

This map illustrates Mussolini's Italian empire which, as a result of British operations in Africa and Greek achievements in Albania, is on the verge of tottering. Already, it is estimated, it has lost 5,000 square miles of his African territory owing to the British offensive against Libya. To-day the Italian dictator faces the prospect of a revolution in Abyssinia and a major Allied offensive from Kenya upon Italian Somaliland.



Thailand-Indo-China Fighting PLANES & GUNS ROAR

French Reported Retreating

NONGKAI (Indo-China-Thailand frontier), Jan. 10 (Reuter).—With heavy fighting in progress at various points along the border, rigid black-out restrictions are being enforced in all towns and villages in this region owing to the frequent air-raids.

A strict curfew is in force in Nongkai where the military in leaf-green uniforms, khaki-clad police and boy volunteers, patrol every nook and corner of the town to prevent fifth columnists from signalling to French planes. Martial law has also been declared. While the drone of bombers overhead disturbs the night, intermittent shelling by the artillery across the wide Mekong river sends the population scurrying to shelter at intervals during the day.

Two civilians were killed and 19 were injured during the hours of shelling on Wednesday night. Dug-outs and trenches have been built for the civilian population in towns and villages all along the frontier. The beat of drums warns inhabitants of the approach of raiders.

French Retreating
BANGKOK, Jan. 10 (Reuter).—It is stated that the French forces are retreating without offering serious resistance and large quantities of arms and equipment have been seized.

On the Kenya front, a British mobile column entered Buna unopposed yesterday morning. It is also ascertained that the Italians have abandoned Elwak as the result of our successful raids last month.

Italian Claim
LONDON, Jan. 10 (Reuter).—The Italian claim that a British battleship was hit during an air attack in the Western Mediterranean is not confirmed in authoritative quarters in London.

In the contrary, it is stated that no TURN to Page 2, Column Six

Nazi-Soviet Agreement
Economic Programme
LONDON, Jan. 10 (Reuter).—A Soviet German economic agreement was signed in Moscow to-day after negotiations which have been going on there since the end of October.

The agreement is based on the German-Soviet treaty of February 11, 1940 and it is stated in Berlin that it represents a further step in carrying out the economic programme envisaged in 1939. It regulates the exchange of goods between Germany and the Soviet until August next year.

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Father and Son Seized
Yee Lung Chan grocery shop, property worth about \$2,000 and an unknown amount of money, stolen, and the master, Lee Lan, and his son, Lee Ko-to, and a fook, Yuen Kam-fu, kidnapped.

Chan Hing grocery shop, \$2,000 (Chinese), one pair of rattan bangles, and two gold finger rings stolen and the master, Yau Tak, kidnapped.

Kwan Wo grocery shop, goods and money worth about \$2,000 (Chinese), stolen and the master, Luk Cheung, kidnapped.

Fook Cheung grocery shop, \$500 (Chinese), 100 rolls of black cloth worth \$150, 90 boxes of cigarettes worth \$170 stolen and the brother of TURN to Page 2, Column Seven

Hopkins Sees Halifax, Eden and The Premier

LONDON, Jan. 10 (Reuter).—Mr Harry Hopkins, President Roosevelt's special envoy, to-day told the press that he had conferred with Mr Anthony Eden, the Foreign Secretary, and Lord Halifax, the new Ambassador to the United States, and had lunched with Mr Winston Churchill, whose conversation had detained him 90 minutes longer than he had expected.

Mr Hopkins continued: "I have come here as the President's personal representative to meet Mr Churchill and other members of the Government, and to discuss with them matters of mutual urgency to our two countries. I shall stay in England until I have finished my mission—not less than two weeks, not more than four."

Asked whether he had a good idea of who was going to win the war, Mr Hopkins replied: "I have, indeed. I have no misgivings about the outcome of the war. American munitions production will reach its peak at the end of this year and early next year. There is going to be a united and an altogether successful effort in the production of defence materials in the United States to be used by ourselves, Great Britain, Greece and China."

Travel Around Britain
Mr Hopkins said that he would not visit any other European country except Britain but that he expected to travel around the country and to see everything necessary.

Asked his impression of last night's air raid, Mr Hopkins remarked that he could think of nothing less important than his personal reactions to the blitz.

Mr Hopkins gave no clue of the precise nature of his mission but assured Britons of President Roosevelt's good health under the greatest strain and "his unshaken faith and determination."

Mr Hopkins added his personal opinion that Lord Halifax would have great success as British Ambassador in Washington.

Enemy Bombers Downed
LONDON, Jan. 10 (Reuter).—Two enemy bombers were shot down during Thursday night's raids on north-west England.

A British bomber engaged and shot down an enemy fighter during British operations over Germany the same night.

**Japan's Aspirations:
Wants Peace & Trade**

BATAVIA, Jan. 10 (UP).—The head of the Japanese economic delegation, Mr Yoshizawa, told the "United Press" to-day that responsible persons in the Japanese Government are making an effort to avoid the United States, Britain and the Netherlands.

He said that Japan "certainly" has no intention to reshuffle the Far Eastern map and although it was undeniable that Japan has aspirations in this part of the world, this aim cannot be realized by sending Nipponese forces into the Indies.

Mr Yoshizawa asserted that the tripartite pact did not change Japan's attitude towards other nations, pointing out that the appointment of Admiral Nomura as Ambassador to the United States was proof that Japan wanted peace.

Asked if Japan had ever been unable to buy Netherland East Indies goods except oil in any desired quantity, Mr Yoshizawa said it was known TURN to Page 2, Column One

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Eastern War Supplies

Council Appointment

NEW DELHI, Jan. 10 (Reuters).—A general acceptance of the unanimous resolutions of the Eastern Group War Supplies Conference is believed to have been expressed by the countries represented at the conference.

When replies from the Empire countries participating are complete, an announcement is expected to be made in London regarding the establishment of a standing body which the Conference proposed should be established in India. It is hoped that this standing Council, with its own secretariat and organisation, will begin functioning in a few weeks.

The Council will probably consist of representatives of Australia, South Africa, New Zealand, and India, with a Chairman nominated by the Government of the United Kingdom.

India's Part
NEW DELHI, Jan. 10 (Reuters).—Aimed at the maximum utilisation of India's productive industries, the Supply Department has adopted a forward-buying plan assuring the continuity of supplies.

Tentative now being made for 75 Supply Department is valued at the lakhs of rupees a month while the value of clothing requirements next year is estimated at 15½ crores (150,250,000 rupees).

Shortage Of 5-Cent Coins

Apparently with a view to overcoming the acute shortage of five-cent pieces now being felt throughout the Colony, the Financial Secretary, the Hon. Mr. H. R. Butters, has, according to the "Gazette" this morning, prescribed the premium at which a money-changer may exchange Hongkong currency of any denomination for Hongkong five-cent pieces as one per cent.

ITALIANS ISSUE CASUALTY LIST

Fantastic Figures
LONDON, Jan. 10 (Reuters).—The Italian authorities have issued an official casualty list giving a list of 1,301 persons dead in the fighting in Albania. Of these 97 are stated to be officers, 65 are non-commissioned officers and 19 are Albanians.

The total wounded is given as 4,518 including ten Albanians, while the missing number 3,958 including 88 Albanians.

One colonel, two lieutenant-colonels and three majors are included among the fallen Italian officers.

Japan's Aspirations: Wants Peace & Trade

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that the Japanese had been able to buy N.E.I. products at ordinary prices; however, it was generally felt that Japanese capital was welcome in the N.E.I. trade to replace other lost capital.

He asserted that the removal of misunderstandings might enable Japan to help in the development of the N.E.I.

The trade talks which were postponed since the return of Mr. Kobayashi to Tokyo will be resumed as soon as the new Japanese proposals can be translated into English. The discussion will be purely economic.

Mr. Yoshizawa declared that it is the Japanese aim to improve her commercial relations and she particularly wanted to buy Dutch minerals. He said his main objective was to correct the misinterpretations of Japan's real aims.

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NEW DELHI, Jan. 10 (Reuters).—A conference will be held on January 20 to consider any emergency requiring the restriction of petrol consumption, though the necessity for such action has not yet arisen.

Mr. G. S. Kennedy-Skipiton, Controller of Food, announced in the Government "Gazette" of this morning that the standard price of Eagle condensed milk, 4 oz., is now 22 cents per tin.

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Immigration Office

Appointments Revealed

The following appointments in the Immigration Office were announced in the "Gazette" this morning:

Immigration Officer.—Mr R. A. D. Forrest.

Deputy Immigration Officers.—Messrs J. H. B. Lee and H. D. Bryan.

Assistant Immigration Officers.—Messrs G. C. Taylor, L. Well, L. E. Lammer, A. I. Burnie, R. M. Poinet, C. Young, B. C. Hobbs and A. Komorinsky.

Chinese Assistant Immigration Officers.—Messrs Wong Wing-nin, Kan Lun-dun, Peter Mok, Philip Lising, Hung To-sing, Tse Sze-chiu, Walter Hanning Chen, Paul Ping Lun, Henry Keong Mark, Chiu Chung-fook, Ko Min-to, Chong Tuck-wing, Tong Mun-kam, Wong Kom-nok, Tong Chung-kwan, Chen Sheng-yuei and Ngan Chung-ki.

Sinclair On Air Training

Equal Opportunities

LONDON, Jan. 10 (Reuters).—"One of the most glorious chapters in our country's history will be written about the exploits of the R.A.F.," declared the Air Minister, Sir Archibald Sinclair, broadcasting on the new Air Training Corps.

The R.A.F. saved the country from defeat and freedom, from eclipse; it gave us time to organise for victory. The Air Training Scheme was an important part of the organisation for victory for the R.A.F. was growing and needed more pilots, navigators, gunners and ground staff.

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BRAZIL ACCEPTS BLOCKADE

Declines Nazi Shipment

RIO DE JANEIRO, Jan. 10 (Reuters).—Foreign Minister, Senhor Aranha, has requested the War Minister, Senhor Duda, to order the unloading of war material purchased in Germany and now on board the Brazilian steamer Bage at Lisbon.

One Load Released

LONDON, Jan. 10 (Reuters).—The unloading of the war material on the steamer Bage at Lisbon is in accordance with an agreement, Reuters learns, which was concluded between Britain and Brazil whereby Brazil would accept any further German manufactured material.

Britain on her part agreed to allow through the blockade one large armaments shipment, on which the Government laid great stress.

It is understood that the incident is regarded by both countries as having been satisfactorily closed.

U.S. Tightens Up On Exports

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10 (UP).—President Roosevelt revealed at the press conference to-day that effective February 1, export licenses must be obtained before shipments can be made from the United States of copper, zinc, nickel, brass, bronze or polsh.

The Office of Export Control of the Department of State will decide on the issuance of permits, as it is already doing in the case of various other strategic materials.

Repatriation Of Baltic Nazis

LONDON, Jan. 10 (Reuters).—The repatriation of Germans from the Soviet Republics of Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia, and of Lithuanians, Russians and White Russians from Sulkali Districts was signed to-day in Riga and Kaunas by German and Soviet delegates, says a German official news agency.

Persons to whom the agreements refer, may be repatriated within ten weeks of the signature of the agreements, if they so desire.

At the same time, an agreement was signed in Moscow settling questions of property arising from repatriation.

Mr C. R. Lee has been re-assigned from the Key-Posts Group to the General Group for Essential Services in the Hongkong Defence Reserve.

CHURCH NOTICES

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST

(31, MACDONNELL ROAD)

Service on Sunday, January 12. The subject of the Lesson Sermon in all Christian Science churches to-morrow will be "Baptism."

The Golden Text will be: "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, be with you all." (II Corinthians 13: 14).

Among others the following citations will be read from the Bible: "But when the morning was now come, Jesus stood on the shore; but the disciples knew not that it was Jesus. And he said unto them, Cast the net on the right side of the ship, and ye shall find. And they cast thereunto; and now they were not able to draw it for the multitude of fishes." Jesus then came, and taking bread, and giving them and fish likewise." (John 21: 4, 6, 12).

The following citation will also be read from the Christian Science Textbook: "Science and Health, with Key to the Scriptures, in English, by Mary Baker Eddy. 'What a contrast between our Lord's last supper and his last spiritual breakfast with his disciples in the bright morning howls of the Gilead Sea! His gloom had passed into glory, and his hearts chastened and pride rebuked. Convinced of the truthfulness of their faith, they changed their methods, turned away from material things, and cast their net on the right side.' (Science and Health, Page 34, 35).

First Church of Christ, Scientist, Hong Kong

The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Mass., No. 31, Macdonnell Road, Hong Kong, will hold a Reading Room Service 11.15 a.m. Testimony Meeting, Wednesday, 8 p.m. A Reading Room, open on Monday, Thursday and Saturday mornings from 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and on Tuesday, Friday and Sunday from 9.30 p.m. to 7 p.m. All authorized Christian Science literature is available for loan to the public. The public is cordially invited to attend the services and to visit the Reading Room.

CHRIST CHURCH (KOWLOON TONG)

The Rev. H. A. Wittenbach To Preach at Mattins

Sunday, January 12, 1st Sunday After the Epiphany.

Services: 9.45 a.m. Mattins and Sermon. Preacher: The Reverend H. A. Wittenbach, Rector. 11.15 a.m. Holy Communion. 3.15 p.m. Come, let us join our cheerful songs (Tune Appendix 48); 40 Bethlehem of hallelujahs; 41 Songs of praise in darkness; 42 Songs of praise in the angels sang (Tune 200).

Services in English: 11 a.m. Holy Communion; 11 a.m. Morning Prayer and Sermon. Preacher: Miss Tang Pao Sung, M.A., Principal of 1 Sung Girls School, Chang-shu.

Note: There will be no service of Evening Song in Christ Church this day, in order that all Christ Church people may be free to attend the special United Service in the English Methodist Church, Hong Kong, at the close of the United Service of Prayer.

Tuesday, January 14.—Parochial Church Council Meeting, 7.30 p.m. Wolf Cub Pack meet in the Church grounds 4.30 p.m. Thursday, January 16.—Holy Communion 7.15 a.m. Guild of Martha and Mary meet in the Vicarage 10 a.m. Choir practice in Church 5 p.m.

EMMANUEL CHURCH (218, NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON)

Sunday—11 a.m. Morning Worship. Preacher: Rev. A. E. Charnan. Communion Service following. 3 p.m. Sunday School. 7.30 p.m. Evening Service. 9 p.m. Young Men's Bible Class both at 9, Hill Wood Road. Mr and Mrs Anell Nance.

Monday—8.30 p.m. Song Service followed by Gospel Message. Speaker: Mr. Anell Nance.

Tuesday—10.30 a.m. Women's Bible Study at 9, Hill Wood Road. Mr. Nance.

Wednesday—8 p.m. Prayer Meeting. Speaker: Rev. J. R. Spence. Subject: "The Holy Spirit."

Friday—4.30 p.m. Children's Story Hour at 9, Hill Wood Road. 8 p.m. Prayer Meeting at 9, Hill Wood Road.

Saturday—8 p.m. Choir Practice. Monday and Friday Bible Classes as usual.

METHODIST CHURCH (QUEEN'S ROAD EAST)

Holy Communion after Combined Service of Churches

Services on Sunday, January 12. Preacher: Morning: Rev. J. E. Sandbach; Evening: Mr. J. E. Sandbach.

Morning Parade Service at 10.15 a.m. The service will be broadcast by R.T.B. 2. Prayer: Hymn No. 406. First Lesson: Hymn No. 308. Second Lesson: Prayer: Hymn No. 157. German: Hymn No. 588. Benediction.

Combined Service at 8.30 p.m. in which the services of Zion Church, Kowloon will be united. Conducted by the Very Rev. J. L. Wilson and Rev. J. E. Sandbach. This will be followed by Holy Communion.

Notices for the Week

Following the Evening Service a Social Hour will be held at the S. & S. Home at 8.15 p.m. All Servicemen and civilians will be warmly welcomed.

A meeting for Prayer and Fellowship will be held at the S. & S. Home on Tuesday, 12.30 p.m.

Monday and Thursday at 7 p.m. Badminton Club at the S. & S. Home.

UNION CHURCH (KENNEDY ROAD)

Combined Service at Methodist Church: No Evening Service.

Sunday, January 12.—Morning Service at 10.30 a.m. Preacher: Rev. Frank Short. The United Service of Churches will be arranged in connection with the Universal Week of Prayer will be held this Evening at 8.30 p.m. at the English Methodist Church.

There will be no Evening Service in this Church.

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FRIEND OF LEADERS

NEW YORK, Jan. 10 (Reuters).

A man described as a close friend of such German leaders as Goering and Goebbels was sentenced to-day to two years imprisonment and a fine of \$2,500. He is Isidore Lazarus, 58, who pleaded guilty to passport frauds.

According to the Government Prosecutor, Lazarus, although a Jew, was a close friend of Dr. Hjalmar Schacht (former Reich Finance Minister), and Robert Ley, (Nazi Labour Minister), and carried large sums of money from Germany on their behalf and for Goebbels and Goering, and deposited it in other countries where some of it is believed to have been used to finance espionage work and propaganda.

The Prosecutor declared that Lazarus obtained a passport through the United States Consulate in Berlin stating that he had been born in America, though actually he was a native of Rumania.

Lazarus insisted that he had tried to help refugees get a small percentage of the money out of Germany, but the Prosecutor declared that most of these funds had remained in the pockets of German officials.

Examination Of Masters & Mates

Regulations relating to the examination of masters and mates during the present period of war were published in the Government "Gazette" this morning.

These regulations, which may be cited as The Examination of Masters and Mates Amendment Regulations, 1941, amend the rules relating to the examination of masters and mates laid down by the Governor in Council under section 4 (8) of the Merchant Shipping Ordinance, 1899, by the insertion of the following:

124. Penalties for failure (temporary provisions).—Notwithstanding the provisions of rule 18, a candidate who has failed twice in the written or the oral portion of the examination for any grade of certificate, or in both, may be re-examined at the next or any subsequent examination held for his grade but in the case of a third or any subsequent failure, in the written or the oral portion of an examination, or in both, an interval of one month must elapse from the date of the last failure before a candidate can be re-examined.

Length of Sea Service. 62A. Sea service (temporary provisions).—(a) Notwithstanding the provisions of rules 29, 76 and 77, a candidate who has served three years at sea in foreign-going ships or the equivalent, four years and six months in home trade ships, may be examined for a certificate of competency. These periods of service will be subject to a further reduction in accordance with the provisions of rules 76 and 77, but no candidate will be admitted to the examination for the second mate's certificate until he has served at least two years and nine months at sea.

Any candidate who succeeds in passing the afore-mentioned examination before he has completed the sea service normally required under the existing rules will receive a temporary certificate of competency of the appropriate grade which he may exchange for the ordinary certificate of competency when he has completed the normal period of service; but service performed by a candidate between the date on which he received a temporary certificate and the date on which he became entitled to receive the ordinary certificate will not count toward the period of watchkeeping service required for any certificate of higher grade.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of rules 47 and 69, a candidate who has been prevented by the exigencies of war from taking the examination for the first mate's certificate at the earliest date at which he was qualified to do so will be allowed to count any watchkeeping service which he has performed when a second mate's certificate after that date as qualifying service for the master's certificate (foreign-going).

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to any country whose defence the President considers vital to the defence of the United States.

Explaining the provisions of the Bill to enable the President to release any defence article for export, the statement said that this terminated the 1940 Embargo Act against the exportation of certain war materials but it did not mean the use of American vessels to deliver the war material to the combat areas.

The introductory paragraph of the Bill reading "notwithstanding the provisions of any other law" is interpreted as a clause to prevent any friction with the Neutrality Act and the Johnson Act.

Urges Speedy Decision

Open To H.K. Youths

A competitive examination for appointments as Probationary Clerks (male) in Government service will be held in King's College on February 8, commencing at 9 a.m., when all candidates will be examined in English, dictation, and General Knowledge, and on February 13 when only those who have passed in dictation and general knowledge will be examined in Arithmetic, Composition, Translation from English to Chinese and from Chinese to English.

A list of index numbers of candidates who have passed the dictation and general knowledge tests will be posted at noon on January 11 at King's College, the General Post Office (Hongkong and Kowloon) and the Colonial Secretariat.

The examination will be limited to persons in possession of a Hongkong School Certificate or other certificate of a recognized examining body, or by the Director of Education as an equivalent. For this purpose certificates issued by Headmasters will not be accepted.

Intending candidates must forward to the Colonial Secretary's Office in envelopes clearly marked "J.C.S. Examination" or before January 30 a copy of their school certificate together with a certificate as to character and education from the Headmaster of their last school, and one unmounted photograph on the back of which should be written the candidate's name, address and date of birth.

"BLITZ" RAID ON CALAIS

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British bombers clearly observed direct hits on a large ship, dry docks and buildings. Fires were caused near the entrance to Port Maritime.

The raid was the third on Brest within a week.

100-Fighter Escort
LONDON, Jan. 10 (Reuters).—Protected by an escort of over 100 fighters, British bombers crossed the French coast in daylight to-day and bombed aerodromes in the north of France and machine-gunned aircraft on the ground at low levels, says the Air Ministry news service.

Aircraft dispersed on the ground in the forest of De Guines near Calais were attacked and fires were started in the woods. High explosive and incendiary bombs were dropped on a nearby railway station which was left enveloped in smoke.

On the return flight a section of the fighter escort made a low level machine gun attack on gun posts and troops in the neighbourhood of Vissant.

Aircraft Caught Napping
A number of Ventschil Army Co-operation aircraft were seen on the ground in the corner of an aerodrome and were heavily machine-gunned by a Polish pilot who flew across the aerodrome at ground level to deliver the attack.

As he climbed away he sighted two Messerschmitt 109's below him at 200 feet. Singling out the nearest he attacked it and after three bursts of five saw it crash to the ground.

Evading intense anti-aircraft fire he flew right back across the Channel at sea level and landed safely despite a jammed throttle which made it impossible for him to shut off his engine.

Another returning pilot attacked four patrol boats off the coast and sprayed them with machine gun bullets, and later shot down a Messerschmitt which he saw attacking a Spitfire.

First Big Blow of 1941
(BY "REUTERS" AIR CORRESPONDENT)

LONDON, Jan. 10.—By their dramatic raid on the Pas de Calais region of Occupied France to-day, the R.A.F. has struck the first blow in the great struggle with the Luftwaffe of 1941.

I learn that the raid is regarded as very successful.

Hitherto this year the German air force has sent only single raiders over Britain by day. These were tactics forced upon Marshal Goering, it should be recalled, by the marked superiority of the R.A.F. last August and September.

This is the first time that British bombers and fighters have gone into battle together in force since France failed. The formation swept over a large part of the scene of the German drive through to the Channel last year.

Invasion Preparations
This bombing and machine-gunning of aerodromes and other objectives by daylight may well be the prelude to further daylight raids on the German Army of Occupation beyond the Channel ports where the pattern of invasion was so heavily bombed by night last autumn.

One of the most remarkable features of the attack was that few Nazi fighters were encountered. The British bombers had very little cloud to give them cover.

Belgian Army Of Congo

Will Soon Join Allies

LONDON, Jan. 10 (Reuters).

Troops from the Belgian Congo will shortly be taking part in the war in Africa, said the Belgian Minister for the Colonies, M. Devischawer, according to the independent Belgian news agency.

The Minister is now on an official visit to Kenya with M. Pierre Ryckmans, Governor-General of the Belgian Congo, and General Ermens, commanding the Belgian Congo forces.

They already have had numerous conversations with the British colonial authorities in East Africa.

OPERATIONS IN AFRICA

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information has been received of any such action.

Malta's False Alarm
LONDON, Jan. 10 (Reuters).—Enemy formations approached Malta on Thursday afternoon, says an official communiqué.

One bomb fell in an inhabited area but there was no damage and no casualties.

British fighters went up but there was no engagement.

At sunset, an enemy formation approached and circled round but withdrew without a raid materialising.

Australian Sums Up
CALCUTTA, Jan. 10 (Reuters).—"From all that I have been told, the performance of the Indian troops at Sidd Barrani was an outstanding performance," said Mr Percy Spender, the Australian Air Minister, when interviewed by "Reuters" before his departure for Canberra.

Mr Spender added that Italy's position in North Africa, particularly the Libyan desert, is desperate. The Italian Fleet will not come out to protect the transport of supplies across the Mediterranean, which British controls more than ever.

If the British forces in the Middle East failed to hold the pass, then other parts of the Empire, particularly India and Australia, will have had brought home to them how much they and the Empire depend on the preservation of Empire communications.

Iron Ring Closing
CAIRO, Jan. 10 (Reuters).—The closing of British forces is now closing in on Tobruk, according to the latest reports received from the front.

Very little information is at present available concerning the exact nature of the operations, but observers at the front report that an artillery duel is now in progress.

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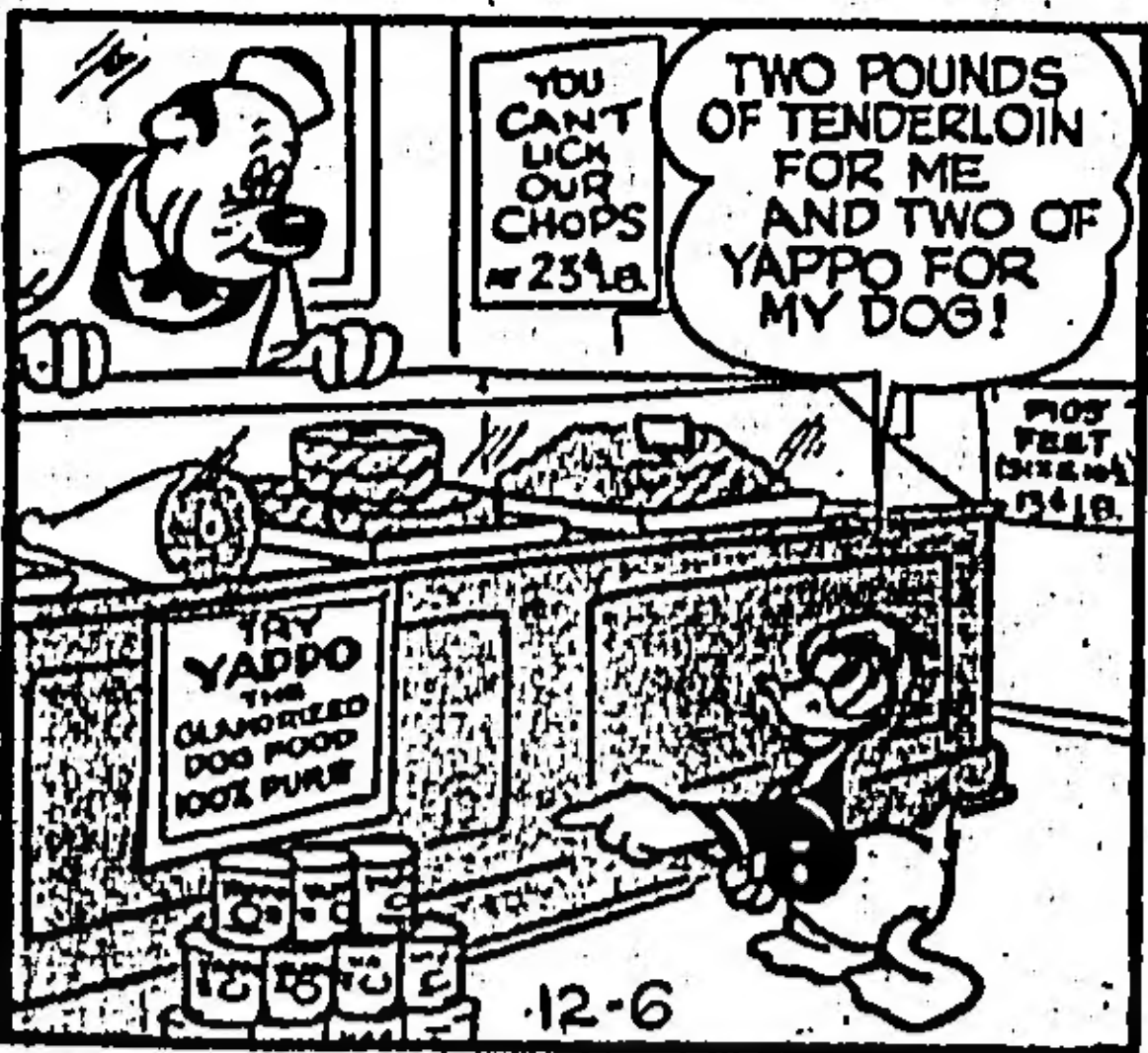
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CURRENT COMMENT . . . By Scrutineer

The capture of Bardia is the most dramatic incident of the past week and marks a further stage in the elimination of Italian power from the Mediterranean. The extent of the victory and the small loss sustained in this operation proves the superficial and tinsel nature of Mussolini's dictatorship. German illustrated papers recently showed beautiful photographs of the Duce's land, sea and air power. They were truly impressive, especially with Mussolini in the foreground as the modern Caesar and lineal successor to the Empire once ruled by Rome. This was the vision splendid, and if only empires could be won by theatrical displays of force, then Mussolini had won his many times over.

Somehow or other, in the realm of war Roman and Italian have not quite the same meaning. What Rome was, Italy will never be.

Graziana, who has earned a reputation for ruthless administration in Africa, was presented in the pages of some journal as the modern Scipio Africanus, the Roman general who destroyed Carthage in North Africa and so put an end once and for all to the threat to Rome in the Mediterranean.

He was described as the gallant leader of a young and vigorous nation, that was about to resume its traditional role as mistress of the world, or as much of it as Mussolini's fellow dictator would permit it to control. When Scipio captured Carthage, he destroyed it ploughed up the site and sowed the ground with salt. He then uttered the following solemn curse on the Carthaginian dictator: "So perish he and everyone that dares such deeds as these."

One cannot help feeling that the words are more appropriately applied to Mussolini to-day than to anyone else for he, more than other Fascists, is responsible for the precarious position in which Italy now finds herself.

In the words of Dryden, the poet, he is

"In friendship false, implacable in hate"

"Resolved to ruin or rule the state"

CAN GERMANY INTERVENE?

The decision to advance on Tobruk is evidence of the confidence that General Wavell has in the power of the forces to maintain the line of communication and to capture this stronghold, an action that would put an end for ever to any ambitious hopes that Mussolini might still entertain that he can retrieve anything out of the wreck.

It is probable that Germany cannot usefully intervene in the Balkans while winter makes transport difficult and there is still less hope of direct assistance being available for the Duce's forces in Africa.

If then the major portion of the Italian army can be destroyed within the next two months, and that seems to be a reasonable hope, then troops and ships will be available for active service elsewhere in the spring.

THE WESTERN DESERT

The campaign in the Western Desert and in Albania has once and for all shattered the myth that dictatorships are more efficient than democracies. The

loss of prestige suffered by Italy—one partner in the Axis—necessarily undermines the confidence of neutrals in the other partner and generally spreads doubt throughout the world in the capacity of the Axis to achieve their so-called new order. France, Spain and even Bulgaria see the possibility, if not the probability, of an Axis defeat, and this is likewise reflected in the bolder attitude of those people in Norway, Holland and Denmark who are under the Nazi yoke.

Thus hope of delivery is revived when they see how successful the democracies can be when they put their whole heart into this business of destroying Hitlerism. The speed, skill, and determination with which General Wavell's forces moved forward, when they captured Sidi Barrani and Bardia, prove conclusively that the organising ability, strategy and general efficiency of the British are far superior to anything Italy can show. The chief element, however, in these campaigns on Italian soil in Africa and Albania is the spirit which animates the Greek and British soldiers, airmen and sailors. That is the real secret of their success.

ROOSEVELT'S TALK

The developments in the United States this week follow logically from President Roosevelt's fireside talk in which he outlined his policy.

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Help to Britain is simply one aspect of American national defence; the other is rearmament of the Fleet, Air Force and Army. It is a cold, calculated plan made necessary by the menace of the tripartite pact, which was aimed against American interests.

The aid to Britain is a premium paid on the insurance policy of security and is incidental to the larger issue. It provides a breathing space during which America will be able to carry out her great defence programme, but that makes it all the more necessary that the maximum aid should be given. New factories and a change-over from peace-time to wartime production, in old ones, cannot be made overnight. The British success in staving off invasion, while helping Greece, and destroying Italy in North Africa, gives the United States a sure hope that her work of rearmament will be uninterrupted. President Roosevelt has said that America will not tolerate a peace dictated by the dictators, since that would not only destroy the economic structure in America, but also its social and political life, and so he is recommending to Congress the measures which will prevent this happening.

The important point, however, is that America is now actively assisting for practical reasons the allies who are fighting and winning the war against aggression, and she is not merely helping, because of a sentimental interest in the unfortunate victims of that aggression. There is no doubt that Britain lost the first round of the fight and was for some months in a dangerously weak condition.

American sympathy was deeply stirred but the question from that point of view was whether it was worth while trying to bolster up a dying cause. Now the second round is on and Britain has recovered her strength to which she is adding day by day that from her vast Empire she has been able to bring to the aid of the United States, and in regard to the present

asset in the world struggle for freedom. Britain stands in the front line, and all she asks of America for the time being, is that she should furnish some of the instruments of war to enable her to hold it. President Roosevelt agrees that this is the wisest possible course for his country to follow.

The less rapid advance in Greece in recent weeks is probably due to the severe wintry weather, and to the need for consolidating positions already won and for securing supplies. It may also be due to the increased help that Mussolini has been compelled to ask for from Germany.

ITALY'S OIL SHORTAGE

The oil position for Italy must now be quite serious, seeing that she has lost her supplies which even in peace time amounted to 200,000 tons a year from Albania. Her supplies from America of course are finished, while those from Russia and Rumania are not now available seeing that the tankers cannot make the voyage through the Aegean Sea. It is doubtful whether Germany can spare any even if transport were available overland. Rumania produces six million tons in a normal year, and the distillation plants provide the balance. They are so conspicuous, however, that they provide excellent targets for the R.A.F., and even if one section only is put out of action the whole process is stopped.

Then the transport facilities have been rendered very difficult owing to the bombing of the railway junctions at Hamm and in the Ruhr. Whatever Germany's position is, however, it is certain that Italy is in a bad way for oil and has no prospect of replenishing her diminishing stores.

SUBMISSION OR PEACE

Italy is in a sorry position. Her armies, her air force and her fleets seem to compete with each other in seeing which of them can put up the poorest show. It is probable that Germany will only take on the job of fighting Italy's battles on condition that full control is handed to her. In face of such failure, it would be unreasonable to go in, on any other terms. That, however, will provoke resentment on the part of the Italians and will not lead to harmonious co-operation. In that case, a small German force would be quite useless, while a big one might jeopardise her position elsewhere. The future course of the war would seem to be a straight fight between Germany and Britain. Italy, must obviously collapse, since nothing can save her overseas Empire now.

She might be induced to make a separate peace, or the terms of which would be the surrender of her fleet for which she has little use in any case, and a promise that at least parts of her empire would be returned to her later. This would be better for her than the prospect of no emendation at all if she continued the struggle for which the Italian people have no stomach.

The alternative is to hand over all her military, naval and air power to Hitler, who would then assume control of Italy and use her for the purpose of damaging Britain.

This is a role congenial to Germany but derogatory to the dignity, not to say welfare, of Italy.

The Duce even with German help, cannot retrieve his position in the Mediterranean, though on land he may make a better showing. If Hitler breaks further pledges and goes through Bulgaria, he has not assisted the latter yet that he will respect her neutrality and as that is the usual preliminary to invasion of a neutral state it is fairly safe to assume he has not yet made up his mind. Britain is striving to knock Italy out of the war, and Germany will strive might and main to keep her in the game. The future to a certain extent depends on Italy. As an ally to Germany she is useless; as a defeated ally she adds strength to Britain, just in the same way as the defeated non-belligerent the weakens Britain.

Italy's position in the Mediterranean depends on we have every reason to expect, then Britain will next deal very heavily with Germany in the air, and in that context the heavy long-distance bombers from the United States ought to play an increasingly important part. Let the world realise Germany's advantage of proximity to British towns.



\$1,000,000 FOR CHINA—Pearl S. Buck, left, author, who has announced, in New York, a drive to raise \$1,000,000 for medical relief in China. She heads the China Emergency Relief committee. Luise Rainer, actress, at right.

"TELEGRAPH" SATURDAY FEATURE

BEHIND THE HEADLINES

By John Blunt

It is a sad commentary on the character of the average British subject that no matter where he may reside, it is only in time of crisis that he begins to think about the British Empire—his Empire.

During times of peace, beyond the fact that he knows that there is a British Empire, he does nothing, or very little to encourage its prosperity. In time of trouble, he will give his life for it.

Last week-end, we were all thrilled at the splendid and gallant assault against Bardia by the Australians. There was no mean task, but one that called for reckless courage and leadership—and the name of Australia has once again reverberated throughout the world. India, Canada, New Zealand, South Africa, and the smaller member states of the Empire will all take their turns in gladdening our hearts that such peoples belong to us in the friendly sense. That they are one with us; that they are us.

What would Germany give to know that a large part of the world could be relied upon to stick to her through thick and thin? It must be as consoling to us as it is galling to her, to know that even when she possesses some semblance of an Empire—her harsh methods of controlling her colonies and the peoples inhabiting them, merely served to instil hatred instead of goodwill.

I was particularly struck with the broadcast made by Mr P. C. Spender, Australian War Minister, when his rightful pride in the manhood of his own country—his brief reminiscences of the last war—did not overshadow his admiration for the heroes of Dunkirk, Calais—and the great British Navy and Air Force. I was glad when he referred to England!

People sometimes misinterpret the meaning of the word "country"; the rot has set in.

Crossword Puzzle

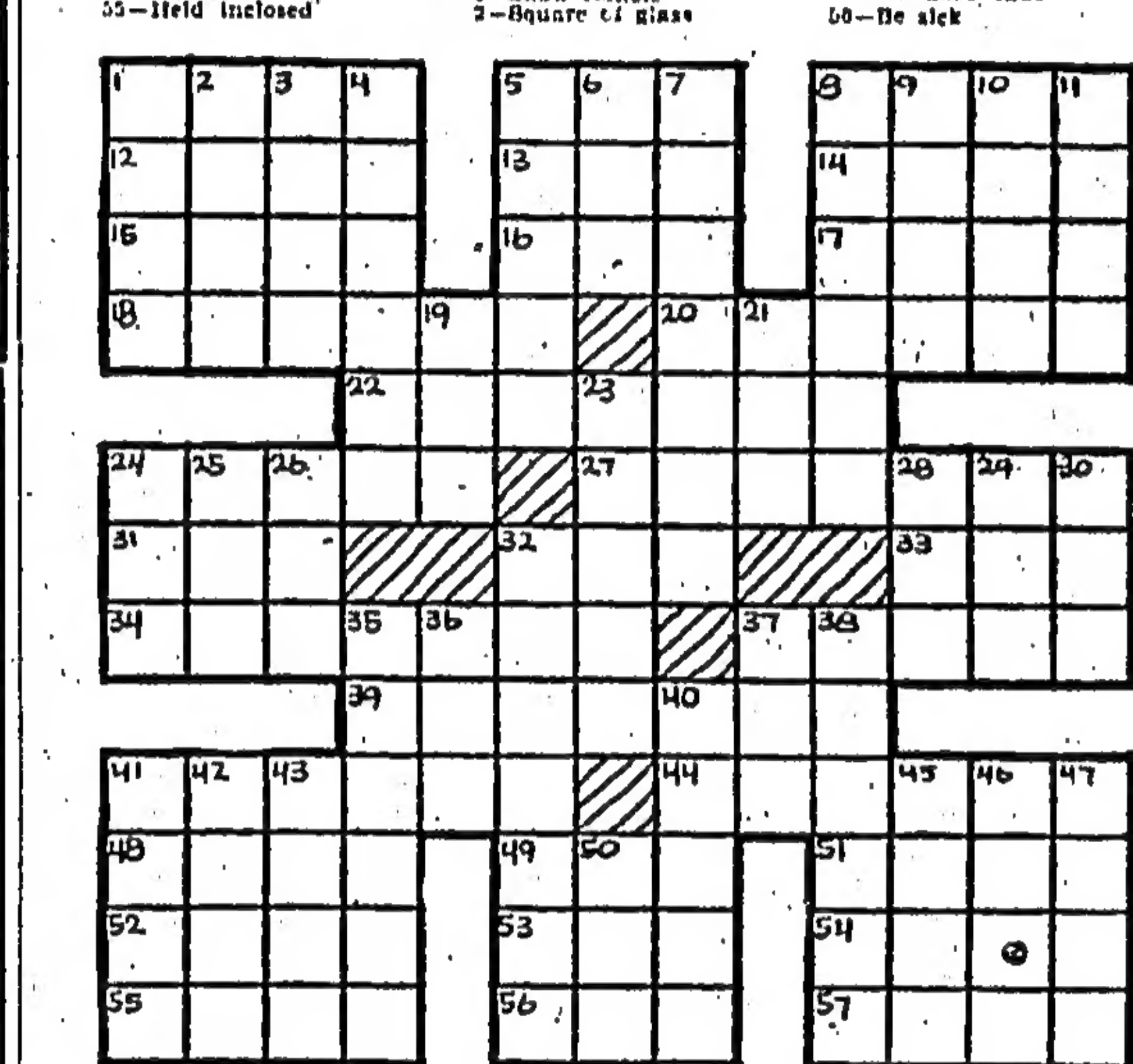
By LAKE MORRIS

ACROSS

- 1—French fighting plane of first World War
- 2—Curve
- 3—Gravel
- 4—Decorative fabric
- 5—Old tool
- 6—He carried
- 7—Girl's name
- 8—Fruit drink
- 9—Share amorously
- 10—Take away
- 11—Entertain
- 12—Originate
- 13—Product of bees
- 14—Examine again
- 15—Reverential fear
- 16—Performed
- 17—Contents of sewers
- 18—Called by name
- 19—Fixed immovably
- 20—Marine accelerator
- 21—Pertaining to anode
- 22—Talk wildly
- 23—Quarrel
- 24—Anger
- 25—Unclouded
- 26—White metal
- 27—Dearth
- 28—Held enclosed

DOWN

- 1—Snow vehicle
- 2—Square of glass
- 3—Corrosive substance
- 4—Reason from facts
- 5—Unit of light
- 6—Having claws
- 7—Game bird
- 8—Arrange
- 9—Employed
- 10—Small mounds
- 11—Weep
- 12—Interested
- 13—Get up
- 14—Tosses
- 15—He in debt
- 16—Moved
- 17—Drop
- 18—Article
- 19—Unhappy
- 20—Quail from title
- 21—Irrated
- 22—Light cast
- 23—Writing implement
- 24—Worship
- 25—Brownish yellow
- 26—Fall
- 27—Deceive
- 28—Equal
- 29—Face of clock
- 30—Feminine voice
- 31—For fear that
- 32—He sick



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Keen Race For League Championship

Important Encounter To-morrow: S. China Meets Sing Tao

(By "SCRAMBLER")

WITH THE UNEXPECTED defeat of the strong Sing Tao team by Navy last week, the race for the Senior Championship of the Football League is now keener than ever, and all roads will lead to the Football Club ground to-morrow when Sing Tao meet South China. The result of this match will have a strong bearing on the ultimate destination of the honour.

To date, Eastern are at the head of the table by virtue of their having played one game more and having one point more than South China; Sing Tao with the same number of games as South China, are now two points behind the latter.

The table to-date for the first four teams is as under:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Eastern	15	11	3	1	49	24	25
South China	14	11	2	1	44	14	24
Sing Tao	14	10	2	2	37	18	22
Middlesex	14	6	2	6	31	34	14

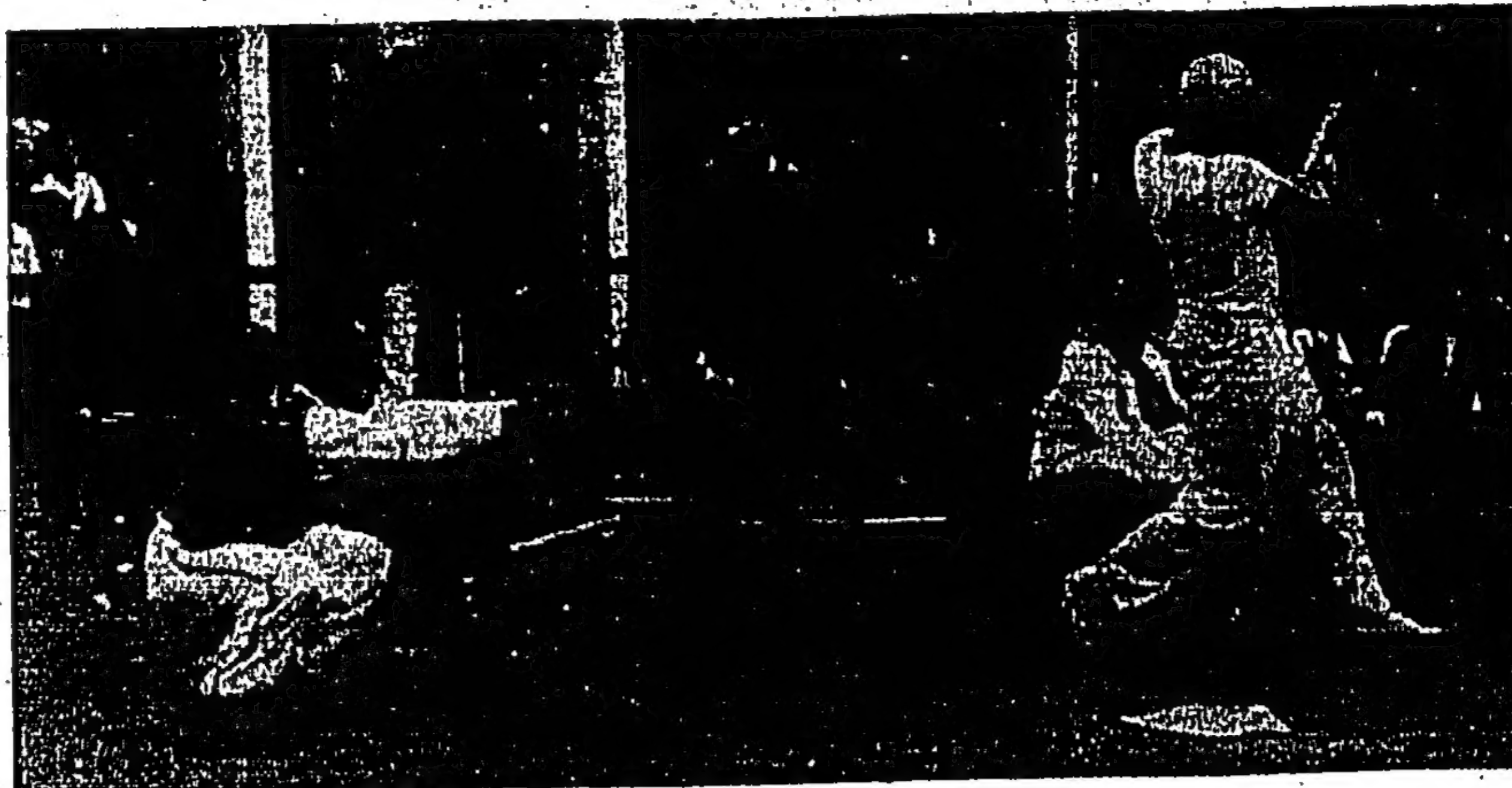
In order to be still in the running, Sing Tao will have to beat the redoubtable South China to-morrow.

The following week South China meet Eastern and if the latter win their game this Saturday against Club, a win for South China would give them bright hopes for the honour—assuming that South China lose to Sing Tao to-morrow.

The race is so interesting at this stage that it is full of other possibilities. Of course a win for South China would enhance their chances for the Championship.

The merits and demerits of both South China and Sing Tao will be

TRY AND HOLD THAT ONE!



One of the clouds that went to wards the humbling of the Rambling Recs. by the Hongkong Baseball Club at the Kowloon Football Club last Sunday.—Ming Yuen.

WEEK-END FOOTBALL FIXTURES

The following are the League football fixtures for the week-end:

To-day

FIRST DIVISION
Club v. Eastern (Club), 4 p.m.
St. Joseph's v. Middlesex (Caroline Hill), 4 p.m.

SECOND DIVISION

Kwong Wah v. Middlesex (Catham Rd.), 4 p.m.
20th R.A. v. Navy (Stanley), 4 p.m.

THIRD DIVISION

R.A.F. v. 7th R.A. (St. Joseph's), 4 p.m.
12th R.A. v. 24th R.A. (Stanley), 4 p.m.

JUNIOR SHIELD

20th R.A. v. Hongkong F.C. (Club), 2.30 p.m.

To-morrow

FIRST DIVISION
Sing Tao v. South China (Club), 4 p.m.
Police v. Kwong Wah (Boundary St.), 4 p.m.

SECOND DIVISION

Police v. R.A.S.C. (Boundary St.), 2.30 p.m.

THIRD DIVISION

20th R.A. v. A.S.A. (Chatham Rd.), 2.30 p.m.

JUNIOR SHIELD

Kit Chee v. Sing Tao (Club), 2.30 p.m.

To-morrow's Softball Prospects

Cardinals Should Extend Canuckettes: Mohawks All Set To Win

(By "Ball Fan")

WITH THE CLOSE of the softball schedule, in the not too far distant future, teams in the various leagues will be playing "all out" ball at the Kowloon Football Club to-morrow in order to be up with the selected circle during the final home stretch.

St. Joseph's burly ballhawks and Honus Waggoner's Hongkong Baseball Club Mohawks, co-leaders in the men's senior league, as well as the top flight Canadian Chinese girls, will be in action out there on the diamond, each battling to increase its lead.

A junior league classic will provide the fans with a thriller when the unbeaten Chung Hwa nine take on the second place swimmers from V.R.C. on the Chatham Road ball park.

In the women's opener at 9 a.m., with Mike Mendonca, Dick Chung and Xavier backing the decisions, Canada's Maple Leaf lassies, gradually rounding out into the championship form which brought them the Southard Shield last year will clash with Dave "Dixie" Walker's Fighting Cardinals.

The Redbirds, with the reliable Effie Badida toting the slab, and augmented by Kitty Bush, Grandma Hutchison and June Hall from last year's Cubs, are expected to fully extend the Canuckettes.

Mary Ng, ace pitcher with the champions, who has been slow in rounding back to the form which brought her recognition as the Colony's leading mound artist last season, will be seeking her ninth victory in the current campaign. Dot Locke will be her battery mate while "fudgie" Khoo will be handling them on second.

AT 10.30 a.m. Celeste Marques, Hongkong's golden girl of the diamond, will lead her rejuvenated Baby Panthers in a track meet against the cellar-dwelling Chung Hwa femmes.

Baby Panthers brand new infield, with the golden girl on first and R. Xavier at shortstop, have been playing very consistent ball and with a little more heft on the willow, would be right up there on top.

Coch Al Lau of Chung Hwa has selected Ella "wise-girl" Chinn to seek her initial win in ten starts. Nellie Lee, who has been flashing a real brand of ball, will be moved in from the outer garden and will probably be stationed at the windy alley.

Umpires for this game are, Herbie Quon, Johnny Delgado, and Dixie Walker.

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League Softball Schedule

League softball schedule for to-morrow is:

WOMEN'S LEAGUE

9 a.m. Cardinals v. Canadian Chinese
10.30 a.m. Chung Hwa v. Panthers
12 noon Little Flower Club v. Wildcats
1.30 p.m. Canadian Chinese v. Chinese I.C.
2.45 p.m. Filipino Club v. I.L.K.C. Mohawks
4 p.m. St. Joseph's v. Cyclones

JUNIOR LEAGUE

9 a.m. South China v. Cosmopolitans
10.15 a.m. Chung Hwa v. V.R.C.
11.30 a.m. R. Engineers v. Liza
12.45 p.m. R.A.F. v. 8th R.A.

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10 a.m. Shell v. Lucas
11.15 a.m. Cabies v. Greenspot

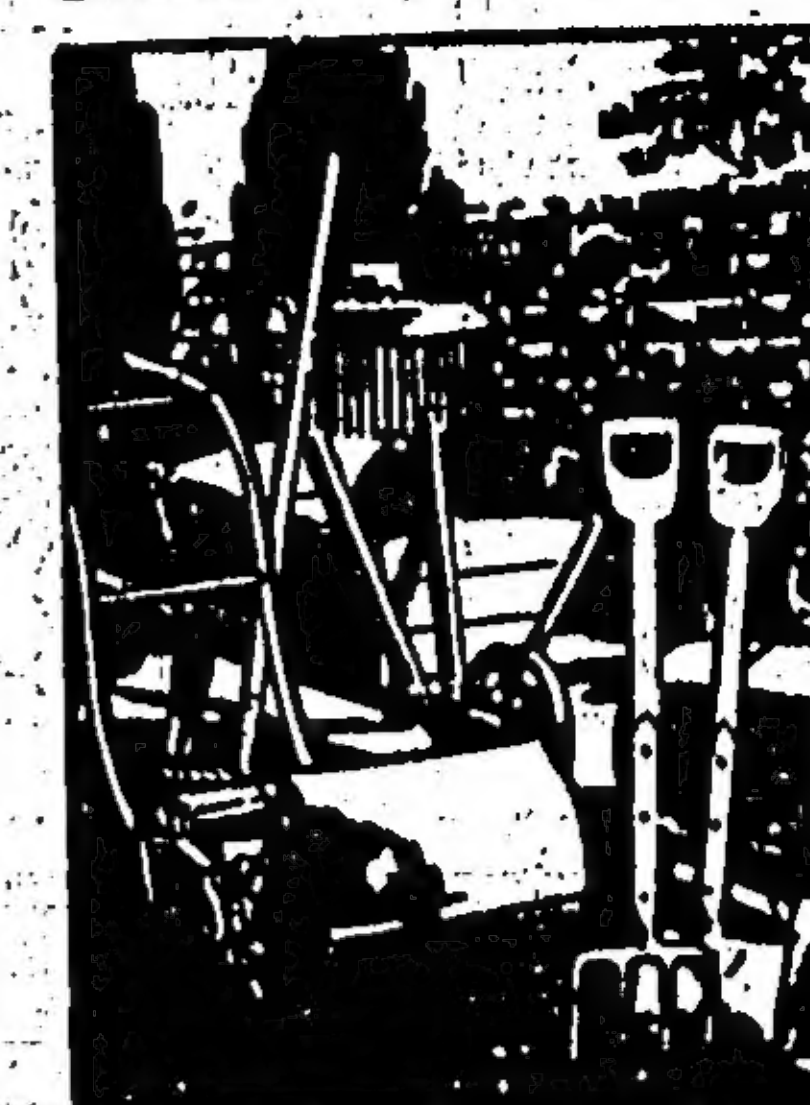
"Y" Hockey Teams

The following will represent Y.M.C.A. in hockey matches to-day at King's Park.

1st XI v. Khalsa (4.15)—Benwell, Taylor and Yorieff; Jordan, Coombe and Waldron; Gilchrist, Ure, Hitchcock, Morgan and Highlands. Reserves Saxby and Dunne.

2nd XI v. R.A.S.C. (3 p.m.)—Cleggat, Grant and Tomlinson; Spenceclay, Gorman and Ralston; Banks, Sparc, Treson, Macey and Dormer. Umpire Mr. Coombe.

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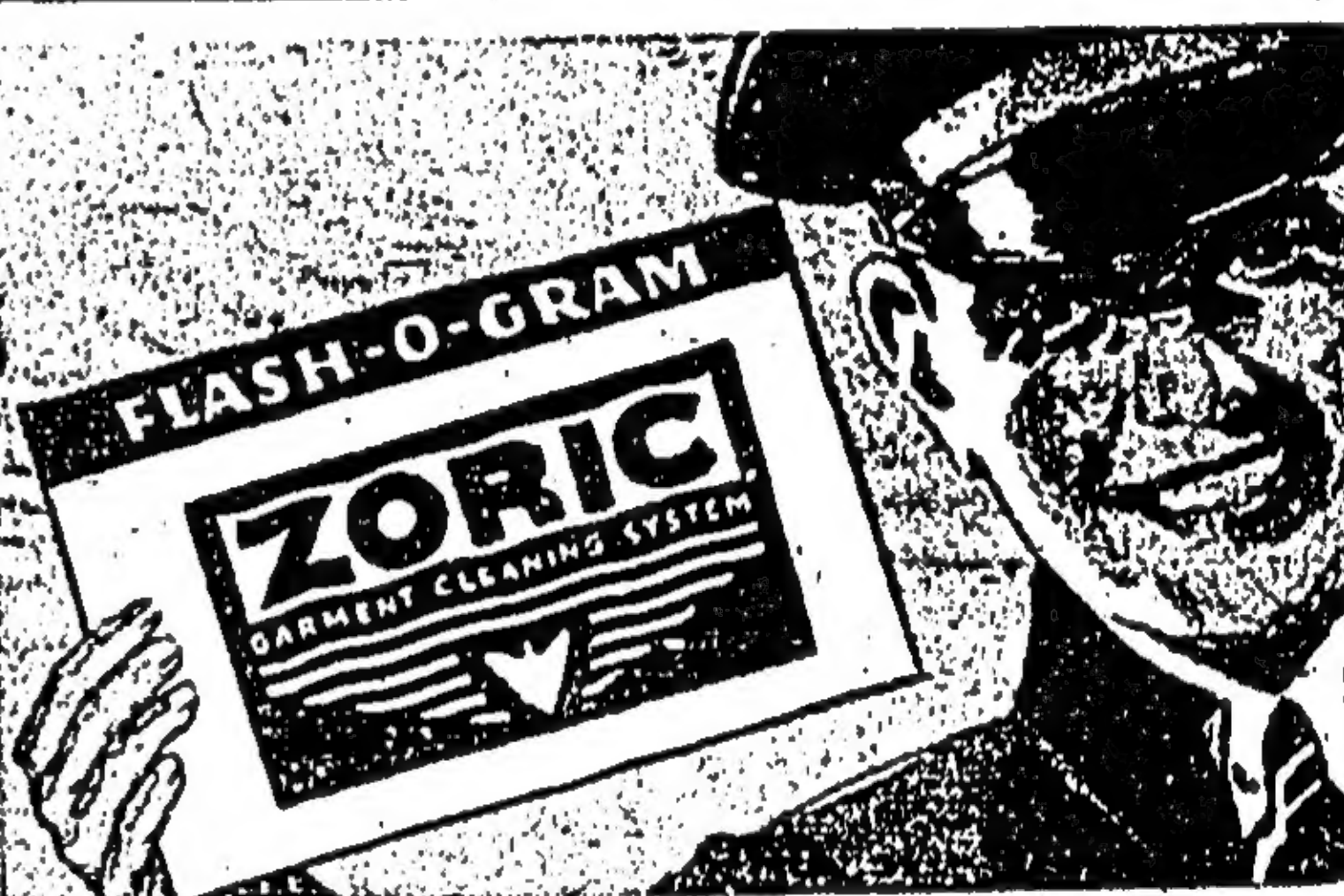
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found in the intermediate trio, which department will have a strong bearing on the result of the match. Sing Tao will have to make drastic change in their trio, for on their last display their wing halves were deplorably weak. As a pivot, Soong Ling-sing is hard to beat and is definitely better than Lam Tak-po, but in Lau Hing-choi and Lau Chung-sang South China have two excellent wing halves, and their steadiness may be the turning point in the match.

Wingers Better

In the forward line, South China's wingers are definitely their assets. Their speed and manoeuvre, their dash and shooting power are certainly superior to the Sing Tao wingers where Tang Kwong-sun and Yeung Shui-yek have both seen better days.

With Chow Man-chi, Chan Tak-fai and Lee Wai-long comprising the inside forwards, the Sing Tao's halves trio will have their hands full in trying to stop their thrustful raids; it is very improbable that they will succeed although in Hou Yung-sang and Lee Tin-gang they have a pair of sound backs to help them.

Senior Service

With their triumph still fresh in their minds, the Senior Service have at last found a good combination. In Roughley and O'Regan, the Navy have a pair of backs to vie with the last display they showed that they are in a class by themselves. Seldom have I seen such understanding, covering and anticipation between backs. Their work relieved the intermediate line considerably.

Lo Page seemed also to have struck a bright patch, for his under-

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Junior Chess Championship To Be Held

BY UNANIMOUS VOTE, it was decided by the Colony Chess Championship Committee at a meeting yesterday to hold, for the first time in Hongkong, a Junior Chess Championship to be open to all players who, in the past, have not won a Club Championship or finished either first or second in the Colony tournament. The competition will also be closed to this year's competitors in this latter tournament. A trophy has been presented by Mr. B. D. Evans, vice-President of the Kowloon Chess Club, and the winner will automatically become eligible to compete in the following year's senior competition. Entrance fee for the Junior Championship will be \$3 and is open to the Colony. Entries should be sent to Mr. A. Y. Hirtukoff, 99D Waterloo Road, and will be accepted up to the end of this month.

Senior Tourney Draw

The draw for the first round games of the Open Championship, to be played on February 4 (Tuesday), resulted as follows:
D. E. de Carvalho v. C. M. Sequeira; E. Zimmern v. G. S. Coxhead; L. Karpovich v. K. Welz.
Only six entries were received, as against the 10 last year.

\$3,000 For China Griffin At Pony Roup

Good prices were fetched at an auction of China pony griffins, eligible to run at the forthcoming Hongkong Jockey Club annual meeting, held in the paddock of the Jockey Club yesterday. Six 1941 griffins and a 1939 sub-griffin were auctioned by Mr. Ed. de Souza.

The highest figure paid was \$3,000 for a chestnut stallion of 14 hands 1 inch. This pony was purchased by Mr. Frank Gray.
The list of ponies sold, their prices and purchasers, follow:
Chestnut, 14 hands, \$550, Hsu Yun-tong; chestnut mare, 14 hands 1 inch, \$1,200, A. Black; chestnut, 14 hands, \$200, Wong Yan; chestnut stallion, 14 hands 1 inch, \$3,000, Frank Gray; brown, 14 hands 1 inch, \$275, H. Y. Sze; bay mare, 14 hands 1 inch, \$1,400, Hsu Yun-tong; and Starlet, 1939 sub-griffin, 14 hands, \$45, Choy Si-ling.

STRONG VOLUNTEER FIFTEEN TO MEET NAVY TO-DAY

THOUGH without the services of M. G. Carruthers and G. C. Aitkenhead, two of their better players, the Volunteers Defence Corps XV to meet the Royal Navy at rugby this afternoon is yet a strong one.

The match will be played on the Police ground, Kowloon, at 4 p.m., and the Volunteers XV is as follows: F. M. Thompson, D. L. Bosanquet, D. G. Day, T. O. Morgan and D. H. Stewart; J. C. Charter and J. M. Thompson; A. F. Walkden, R. Burford, I. M. Macrae; R. C. Gairdner, A. M. Kennedy; G. B. Godfrey, A. J. G. Taylor and E. W. Stout.

At 2.45 p.m. on the Police ground, a mixed "A" fifteen will meet the Police team, being as follows: Capt. Barclay, P. B. Wilson, D. H. Nelson, L. Bdr. Richards, and L/Sgt. Marsh; Capt. Scriven and L/Cpl. Morgan; Olsen, R. G. Castleton, Moodie; L. A. Benn, E. W. R. Hackett; B. Hynes, J. Rodman and A. N. O'Brien. Service players are requested to provide their own coloured jerseys.

International Matches

The first round matches in the International Rugby Tournament will be held on the Navy ground on Saturday, January 10, when England will meet Ireland and Scotland meet Wales. The final will be held on the Club ground on Saturday, January 23. Cards are being sent out to players of the four countries and it is hoped they will make an appearance if they accept and so prevent a repetition of last season's fiasco.

Blarney Stone

The Seven-a-Side Rugby Tournament for the Blarney Stone Shield in aid of Naval, Military and Civilian charities, has been brought forward and the preliminary round matches will be held on the Navy ground on Saturday, February 16 and the finals on the following Saturday on the Club ground. If entries necessitate an extra day, further preliminaries will be held on Wednesday, February 19.

Entries for this tournament close on February 1 and should be sent to either J. Redman, care of the Government Analysts Department, or W. Stoker, care of Hongkong Electric.

Cricket Cancelled

The senior friendly cricket match between Club de Recreio and the Army scheduled for this afternoon, has been cancelled as Army are unable to raise a team.

Exhibition Billiards To Aid War Fund

An exhibition Billiards match has been arranged between Royal Army Medical Corps, unbeaten in the Garrison League, and Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps, finalist in the Soldiers' Club Tournament, at the Soldiers' Club, next Friday, in aid of the British War Organisation Fund. A charge of \$1 will be made, Servicemen in uniform being admitted at half price.

Finals in the Garrison Billiards and Snooker Championships will be held at the Soldiers' Club next week. The following are the latest results in the Garrison Billiards League Championship:
Royal Army Service Corps beat 5th Regt., A.A. 8-1, best Royal Army Pay Corps 9-2, best 13th Heavy Regt. R.A. 7-0; Garrison Military Police beat 5th A.A. Regt. R.A. 5-2; Royal Army Medical Corps beat Royal Corps of Signals 6-2; best Royal Corps of Signals 7-0; 5th A.A. Regt. R.A. beat 12th Heavy Regt. R.A. 4-3.

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R.A.P.C. 15 3 18 33
R.A.O.C. 13 4 11 33
12th Hvy. Regt. R.A. 10 3 11 31

HARRISON CUP
Garrison Military Police beat 22nd (P) Coy. R.E. 800-639 in the semi-final round of the Harrison Challenge Cup. Royal Army Medical Corps will now meet the Garrison Military Police in the final at the Soldiers' Club on Monday, at 6.30 p.m.

SOLDIERS' CLUB TOURNEY
Royal Corps of Signals beat Royal Army Pay Corps, 4,021-1,323 in the semi-final round of the Soldiers' Club Tournament and will now meet Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps in the final, to be held at Soldiers' Club next Tuesday, at 6 p.m.

SNOOKER TITLE
Lieut. W. V. Dixon, R.A.M.C., will meet Cpl. J. H. Harvey, R.A.M.C., in the final of the Garrison Individual Snooker Championship at the Soldiers' Club on Wednesday at 7 p.m., while S.Q.M.S. Wood, R.A.S.C., will meet Cpl. J. H. Harvey, R.A.M.C., in the final of the Garrison Individual Billiards Championship, also at the Soldiers' Club, next Thursday, at 7 p.m.

TOURNAMENT RECORDS
Highest Billiards Break S.Q.M.S. Wood, R.A.S.C., 55; Highest Snooker Break Pie Whybro, R.A.M.C., 32; Best League Average S/Sgt. Terran, R.A.M.C., 149.50;

Badminton

Recreio Beat St John's In Mixed Doubles

ST. JOHN'S Badminton Club entertained the Club de Recreio in a friendly game of mixed doubles badminton at St. John's last night, and opposed to one of the strongest teams that the Portuguese Club are able to turn out, lost by 8-1.

The only victory for St. John's was registered by H. Eardley and his sister, Miss Decima Eardley, who are expected to do much better with practice.

The game was most enjoyable, and members of both teams expressed great regret that there was no mixed doubles division in the Badminton League this year.

LETTERS

Books & Papers for Forces

To the Editor,
The "Hongkong Telegraph."

Sir—An effort is being made under the auspices of the British War Organisation Fund, to augment the supply of books and papers for all units of H.M. Services in Hongkong.

Every household in Hongkong is asked to contribute as many interesting books as possible, and those who regularly receive periodicals are asked to pass these on as soon as they can be spared. Books and papers can be left at the British War Organisation Fund Office at Government House or at the Cheero Club. If there are any persons unable to deliver books and papers, will they send a postcard to Mrs. N. L. Smith, 297 The Peak, or to Mrs. Edmondston, 356 The Peak, who will collect them.

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President, British War Organisation Fund, Hongkong Branch.

Highest number of Billiards Breaks of 20 and over S/Sgt. Terran, R.A.M.C., 32; Cpl. Harvey, R.A.M.C., 30; Pie Whybro, R.A.M.C., 30; Best Snooker Aggregate (one frame) Cpl. Harvey, R.A.M.C., 120.

League Softball Prospects

By "Ball Fan"

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nary a win as yet, striving to get away from "behind the eight ball class," when they clash with their arch rivals, the Chinese Baseball Club.

Doc Molthen, Hans Weggoner, and Dixie Walker are slated to call this game.

Abe Liu's classy cohorts with ex-Canucks Den Cary and Giorgio White in the line-up, should take the faltering Maple Leafs into camp. Herbie (Bob Feller) Quon, who has lost much of his effectiveness due to the lack of a real battery mate, will be sent to the mound in an effort to halt the flashy C.B.C. team.

George Chow will be back in action, patrolling the centrefield pastures, after a lengthy absence through illness.

AT 2.45 p.m. with Herbie Quon, Nip Lum and A. N. Other calling them, Hongkong Baseball Club's irrepressible Mohawks should retain their leadership with an easy win over Dave Amper's ball-chasers from the Filipino Club.

With such power sluggers as "beans" Beardon, Leight, Fitch and Morris forming a real "murderers row"—reminiscent of the New York Yankees famed quartet of Bill Dickey, Lou Gehrig, Joe DiMaggio, and Joe Gordon—the lads from around Manila Bay will be out there in the cow pastures putting in a real long session at ball-slugging.

IN the nightcap at 4.00 p.m., St. Joseph's heavy-hitting lineup should take the youthful Cyclones into camp, thereby retaining their lead at the top of the senior league.

The Saints, fresh from their clean-cut victory over the Chinese Baseball Club last week, will start with lefty Gonales on the hillcock and Al Leonard or Hal Winglee receiving. The hurricane boys have a classy finger in Kelly Silva-Netto, backed by a snappy infield in Jr. Markar, B. Abbas, A. Runjahn and Babe Bux, but are as yet, green in experience and still lack the necessary "oomph" that make champions.

AT the Chatham Road ball stadium, with a B division game, Chung Hwa will be out there fighting to retain their clean slate against the second place V.R.C. aggregation. It should be a dingdong battle with Chung Hwa picked to come through in the clutch, behind the hurling of dynamite Jay Liu.

Keen Race For Soccer Honours

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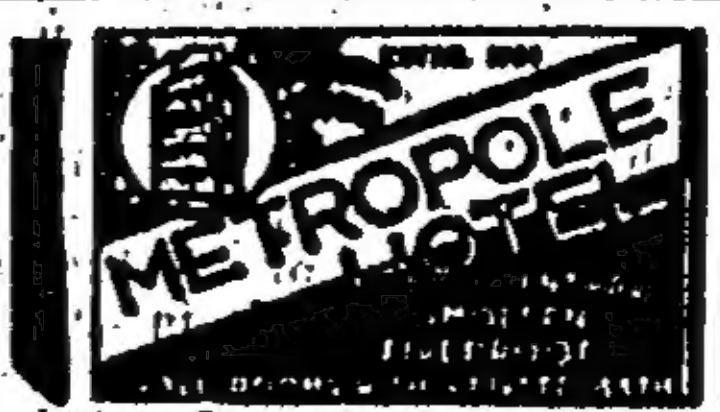
standing with Phippens was delightful to watch, and aided by Hendy and Barber, they kept up an incessant attack with a will and purpose behind it. Navy's match against Royal Scots, which should produce some good football, has been postponed.

Saints Weak
Despite great work put in by D. Leonard and centre-half last week, the Saints went down to the Police by the only goal scored. Time and again it was Leonard who stood between the Police attackers and goal. He was helped to a certain extent by Sammy Tsang in goal, the rest of the defenders with the exception of Lau Hing-kong, did not show up at all.

If the Saints have any idea of beating the Diehards to-day, they will have to reorganise the whole of their forward line which was dismally weak. There is a lack of understanding between them and some of them have yet to learn the fundamental principles of the game. Though they were beaten by South China, the Diehards should be in a position to give the Saints at least a tussle for the points for besides having such stalwarts as Freshwater, Sheehan, Bright and Wilkinson in the defence, they have several good forwards. In fact, Diehards should win the encounter.

Police At Home
Police are meeting Kwong Wha to-morrow at Boundary Street. The odds are in favour of the Police who have a much better balanced team, although Moss at centre is not so very much at home. He seems to be slow and lacks direction. However, he has Howlett and Ferrier on each side of him and with two fast Chinese wingers, Police should have no difficulty in getting the necessary goals. The defence can be sound when wanted and Kwong Wha will have to be on their level best to match even one point from the Police.

Kwong Wha's mainstay will be in their fast and tricky wingers Cheuk Shek-kam and Wong King-chung. Tin Yung-fat makes a good leader but is inclined to be slow. The defence is only mediocre although the full backs are quite sound. Eastern who are still in the running for the Championship have had their match against the Club to-day postponed.



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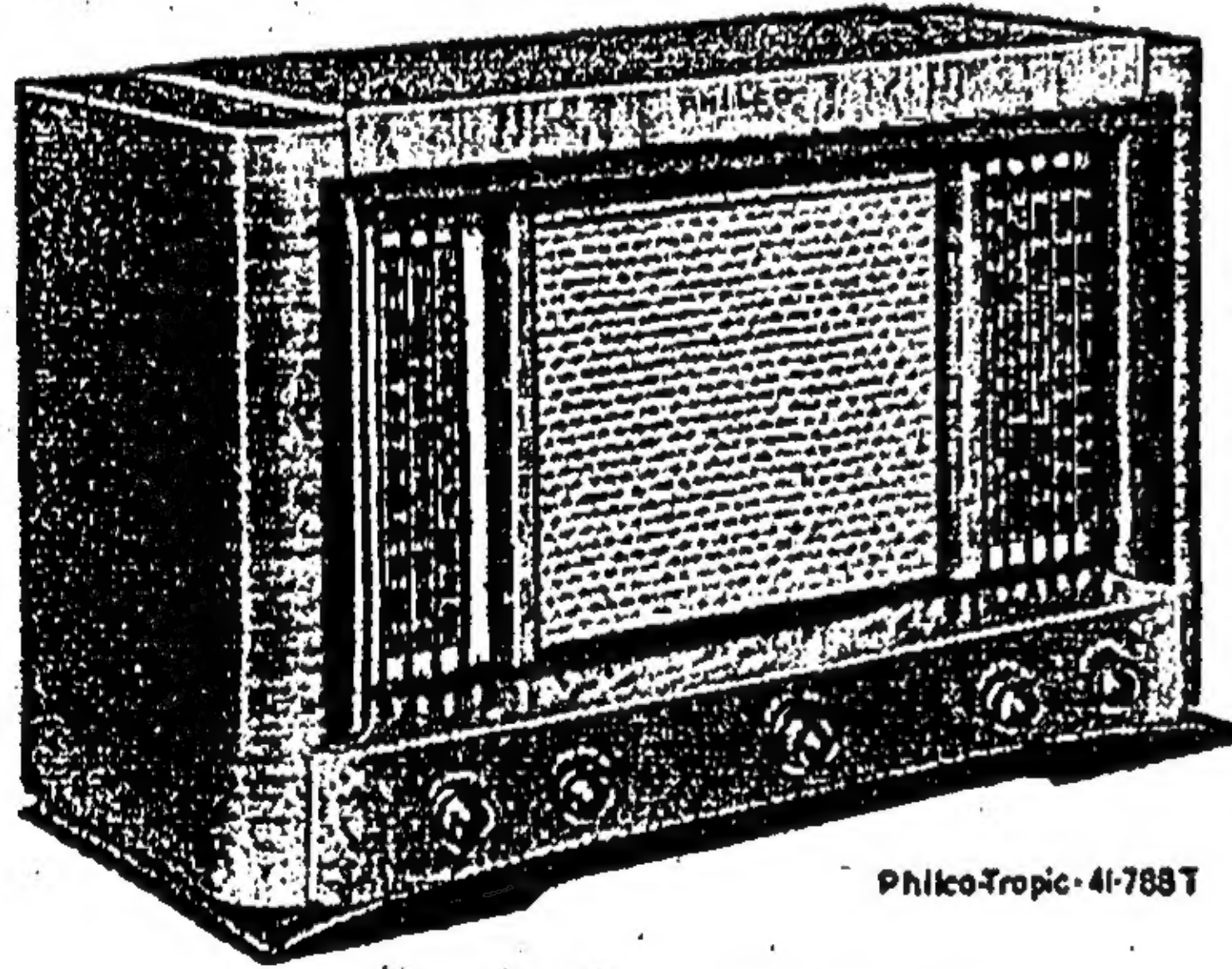
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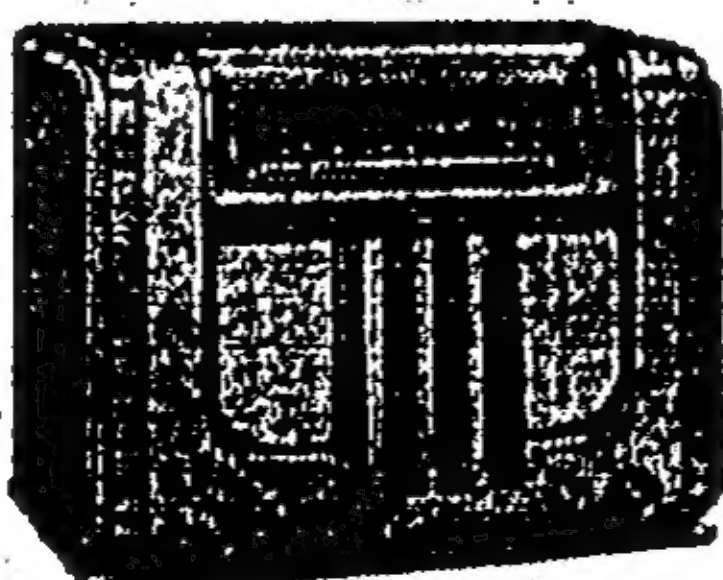
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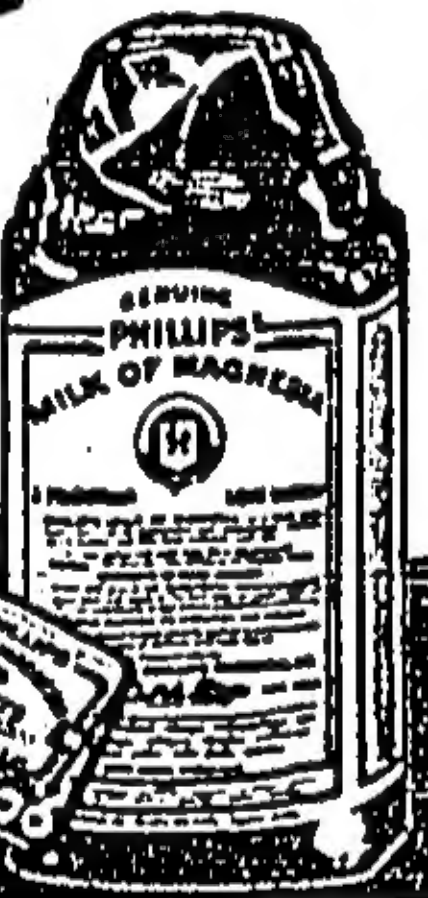
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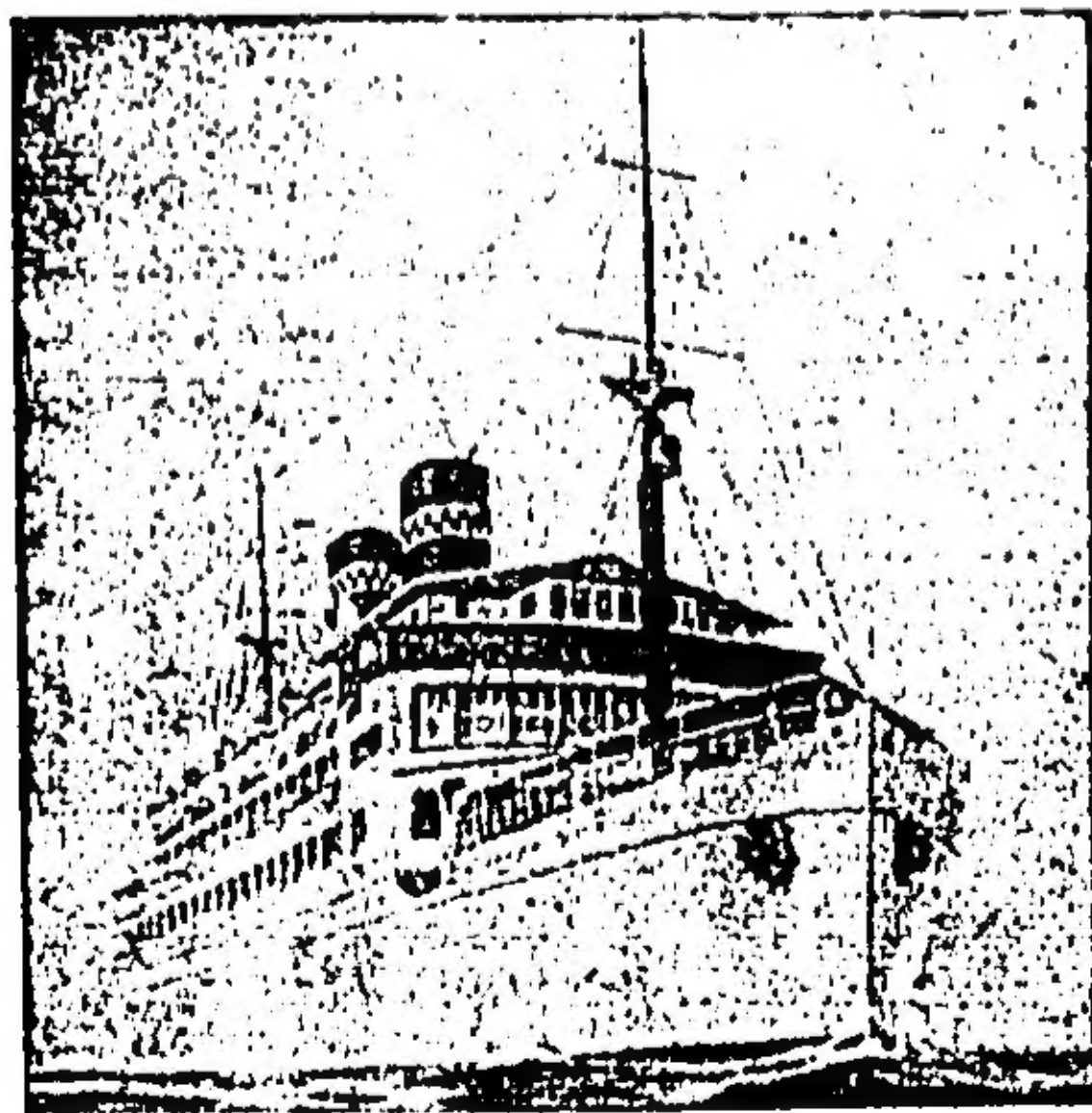


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FOR BETTER PROPAGANDA

BRITISH propaganda abroad still suffers from excess of modesty. We do not sing our own praises often enough or loud enough. The multitudinous barrel-organs of Dr Goebbels prevent our feeble notes from being heard by more than a few.

Sir Francis Younghusband cites the case of our defeat of Hitler's invasion plan. This defeat he calls the decisive battle of the war. Yet what use have we made of it to drive home to world opinion our ever-growing strength and Hitler's first real failure? None, says Sir Francis. We should have proclaimed it to every corner of the earth. Instead, we have left neutrals and others to draw their own conclusions, forgetting that he who does not shout today is apt to have his case, however convincing, simply ignored.

To this criticism, in which there is a germ of truth, it may be replied that in America, for example, the success of the R.A.F. and the Royal Navy in frustrating the invasion scheme did not go unrecognised and unpraised. But there is one explanation of our failure to "shout," which Sir Francis has passed by. We were handicapped by not knowing whether the invasion had in fact been frustrated. Not even now can it be confidently said that Hitler will not attempt to throw his exponents of Blitzkrieg upon Britain's shores.

The event seems much less likely than it did, but British statesmen could not, and cannot even to-day, take the responsibility of saying that the invasion danger is over. Hitler may assemble his flat-bottomed boats and other paraphernalia again. His technique is protean and adaptable. The reluctance of British propaganda to "tell the world" that the invasion bogy had been laid is understandable. But that does not diminish the general question of whether our propaganda abroad is not in need of an injection of ginger. Many firmly believe that it is.

What will Russia do if the Germans push on to "the Straits"?

"GERMANY," you may read any day in any paper, "is pushing towards the Straits"; or "Russia is deeply interested in the control of the Straits."

"The Straits," in the jargon of European diplomacy, means the Bosphorus and the Dardanelles which (with the Sea of Marmora that lies between them) link the Black Sea and the Mediterranean and divide Europe from what our ancestors called "Hither Asia" and we "the Near East."

So these straits are an all-important sea route—the only passage to the outer seas from the Danube and South Russia and the Caucasus: the easiest land route from South Asia into Europe or Europe into South Asia.

"Land route," because the Straits are so narrow.

The Persian Xerxes put a bridge of boats across them—though certainly it got blown away by a gale. Leander and Lord Byron swam the Dardanelles. All day long the row boats and launches and train ferries swarm to and fro across the Bosphorus from Istanbul.

This is the one route for armies which have not mastery of the sea.

Wherefore "the Straits" have figured in history ever since there has been history.

GREEK WAR — IN THE — NIGHT CLUBS

By DIXIE TICHE

THE orchestra at The Ver-slim gown, armless, shows her saillies was playing "It's a special exit after a song. She Lovely Day To-morrow," and Nick Prounis, co-owner of the club, remarked with a sigh of relief, "Well, it certainly won't be in Greece."

Nick, born in the Pindus region, is one man in town who knows that the Italians are having a real spot of bother in Greece. Surrounded by little delicacies like pheasant and souffles, Nick recalled the sort of people Mussolini is running up against backwards.

Happily, he pointed out that the men of the Pindus mountains are now in the midst of fog and rain and that they don't mind the weather any time of year. And as for rations, they haven't been on any diet that will be thrown off a caloric balance by war.

"Plenty of water, bread and cheese and they are well satisfied," he said.

He said the average man of the mountains could make the average wrestler in this country look as if he were just about strong enough to throw a white mouse.

So, if it is a lovely day here ing hands, and just across the to-morrow Nick should care, be- cause it certainly won't be in Connie Talmadge, now Mrs. the Pindus Mountains.

Nick was up on what day it was, however; just a table away from him sat a crowd of cute youngsters—young enough, in- deed, that the guest of honour could have the full number of corted by the Greek shipping candles on her cake and not blush. One of the guests at this happy birthday party was Nick's young daughter.

A new trend in night club singers' gowns was started when Jane Froman, who is war- bling with charm at the Ver-sailles, made her debut there in a creation thought up for her by Valentina. A white, crepe "veil" floats from the back of her head fastened on by a perky Prince Nepal.

Bunch of red gardenias. The slim gown, armless, shows her And the neckline is so fashioned that the "veil" grows right out of the shoulder line. She wears another tiny bunch of red car- nations at her waistline.

Besides the new trend, Miss Froman has brought along a special exit after a song. She leaves still singing. Very cute.

FRIENDS of Sylvia Fairbanks, widow of Douglas, were glad to see her last night at El Morocco. Since the death of her husband, Mrs. Fairbanks has been seen practically nowhere and for a long time concern was expressed for her health.

She was in a party with two of her country women, Aileen Brindley Plunkett and Doris Castlerose. Charlie Chaplin was in the party, too, and, if you don't mind, the Pantz freres, Kurt and Hubert. The three English blonde beauties had a raven-tressed foil in Kay Chaqueneau.

At another table, rising young Hollywood stars, Lucille Ball and Desi Arnaz were hold- ing court.

EL Morocco was spruced up by the appearance of Mrs. Har- dard, the guest of honour William Williams who was es- corted by the Greek shipping magnate Andi Embericos.

At Monte Carlo the band was playing without Ted Strater who flew out to the coast for the Kate Smith broadcast. He spent five hours—Thanksgiving Day—with his mother and then raced for Hollywood.

And I don't know why, but I think it's a wonderful world when Honey Chile Wilder is be- ing escorted about town with her head fastened on by a perky Prince Nepal.

RIDDLE OF THE BOSPORUS

By W. N. EWER

Constantinople, the western coast of the Bosphorus, the Sea of Marmora, and the Dardanelles.

German Objective

The Trojan war was fought on their shores; the ruins of Troy, buried for centuries, are on the Asian shore just opposite the Gallipoli beaches. Two of the great names of that war, by the way, were Ajax and Achilles, not unknown in these days.

Coastal Colonies

The earliest naval expedition of which we know was the voyage of Jason and his Argonauts, up through the Straits to the Black Sea, seeking the gold of the Colchis.

Until a century ago the gold dust from Caucasian river was still strained out in fleeces. The "Golden Fleece" was no mere myth.

Later the Greeks settled colonies all along those coasts. Among them were men from Megara.

Curving in from the Bosphorus just where it joins the Marmora is a long, deep-water creek, one of the finest natural harbours in the world. On the shores of this Golden Horn they built their city of Byzantium. Because it was at this focal point, at the crossing of those great land and sea routes, little Byzantium became one of the world's great capitals; so great at one time that the Greeks often called it by no name, but simply "Polis"—the City.

Names it had in plenty. First, Byzantium. Then, when the Emperor Constantine moved the capital of the whole great Roman Empire there, Constantinople.

To the Russians of the Middle Ages it was Tsarigrad—the Imperial city. Raiding horse- men, looking in wonder at its seven miles of great wall (which stand to-day) dubbed it Mickle-garth—the great fortress.

Most Famous Town

To the Turks it was, and is now, Istanbul. There are other names in other tongues, for, next to Rome, this was, for long centuries, the most famous town of all the world.

For a thousand years it stood impregnable and inviolate, the capital of the Eastern Roman Empire.

Then came the Turkish armies, sweeping out of Asia across all the Balkans and into Europe as far as Vienna.

The Roman Empire fell. Constantinople became the capital of the Ottoman Empire. The Turks became the masters and guardians of the Straits.

The Ottoman Empire shrunk and weakened. And now began that pressure of two great Powers towards "the Straits" which created that "Eastern Question" which was so all-important during the nineteenth century.

Russia grew from small beginnings around Moscow until she reached the Black Sea. At once the Straits became all important to her: her one warm-water outlet to the world.

Free passage through the Straits: if possible mastery of the Straits so that no enemy could reach the Black Sea, became a secular object of Russia's policy.

There was sentiment, too. The Tsars, because Ivan III had married the heiress of the last Emperor of the East, claimed to be heirs of Byzantium, took its double-headed eagle as their crest. They claimed, too, to be protectors of all the Christians of the Greek Church.

From the time of Peter the Great to the days of the Bolshevik revolution, Russia hankered for Constantinople.

Catherine, when she annexed the Crimea, passed in state under an archway inscribed, "The Road to World's Peace."

That is the riddle of the Straits which diplomacy is trying to read to-day. And as yet the answer is hidden.

Russia pressed southward, wanting control of the sea route through the Straits to the Mediterranean. At the same time the German Powers (first Austria, then the German Empire) pressed south-eastward, wanting control of the land route across the Straits into Asia.

Berlin to Bagdad (with a railway line as its symbol) became the great objective of German policy. It brought the Kaiser's Germany into conflict both with Russia and with Great Britain.

To Russia a German mastery of the Straits was nightmare. To Britain, always and inevitably sensitively careful about the route to India and Australasia, the idea of either German or Russian control was alarming.

We did not want Russia menacing the Eastern Mediterranean, nor did we want Germany a menace, either there or in the Persian Gulf.

British policy changed as one or the other danger seemed the more acute.

Our Aim Is Plain

Always and always there has been this question of control of the Straits, of mastery of Constantinople and the Dardanelles.

To-day it arises again in an acute form. The Third Reich, militarily stronger than either Austria or Imperial Germany, is pushing rapidly towards that desired goal.

Rumania has been overrun. Bulgaria is now going through it all, and Hitler's armies within 150 miles of Constantinople.

British policy is plain enough. It is to help, by every means we can muster, the Turks to hold the City of the Straits, to bar the German path into Asia.

Russia? That is the great enigma of the moment. Russia's own ambitions did not die with the Revolution.

The Soviet Government has repeatedly hinted at its desire to share, in some way, control of the Straits with the Turks.

But, ambition apart, the thought of German armies in occupation of the shores of the Bosphorus and the Dardanelles must be as much a nightmare to Soviet Moscow as ever it was to Tsarist St. Petersburg.

Threat To Both

In Europe Russia has two sea-gateways. Germany holds the gateway of the Black Sea, she would have a stranglehold on all Russian trade in the West.

The drive to the Straits is a threat to us, but ten times as great a threat to the Soviet Union.

What, then, will Russia do if the Germans push on from the Danube towards the Bosphorus?

Will she help the Turks to resist? Or will she try to strike some bargain with Hitler, some arrangement for joint control, some device of appeasement, hoping that this time (despite all experience) Hitler will archway inscribed, "The Road to World's Peace?"

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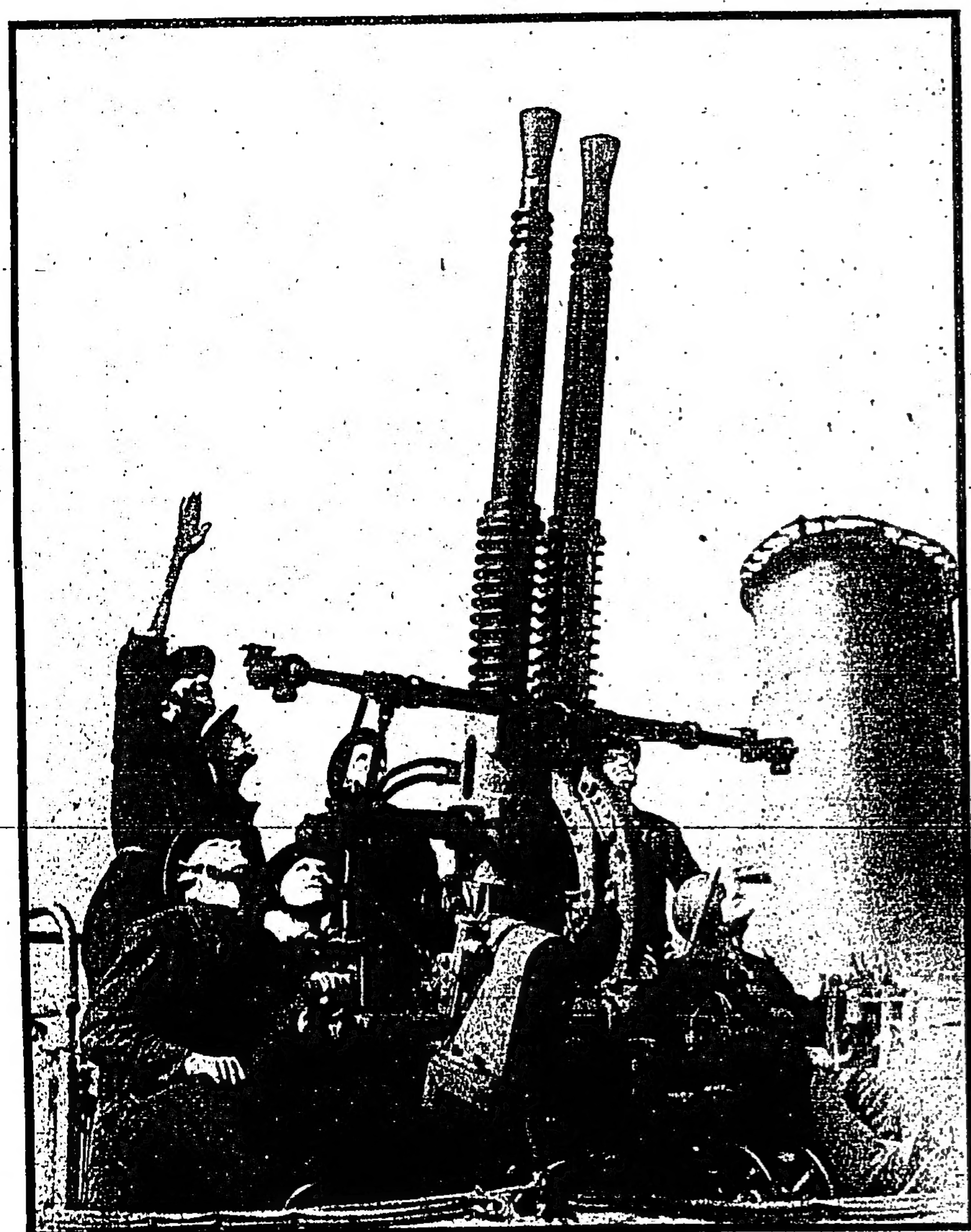
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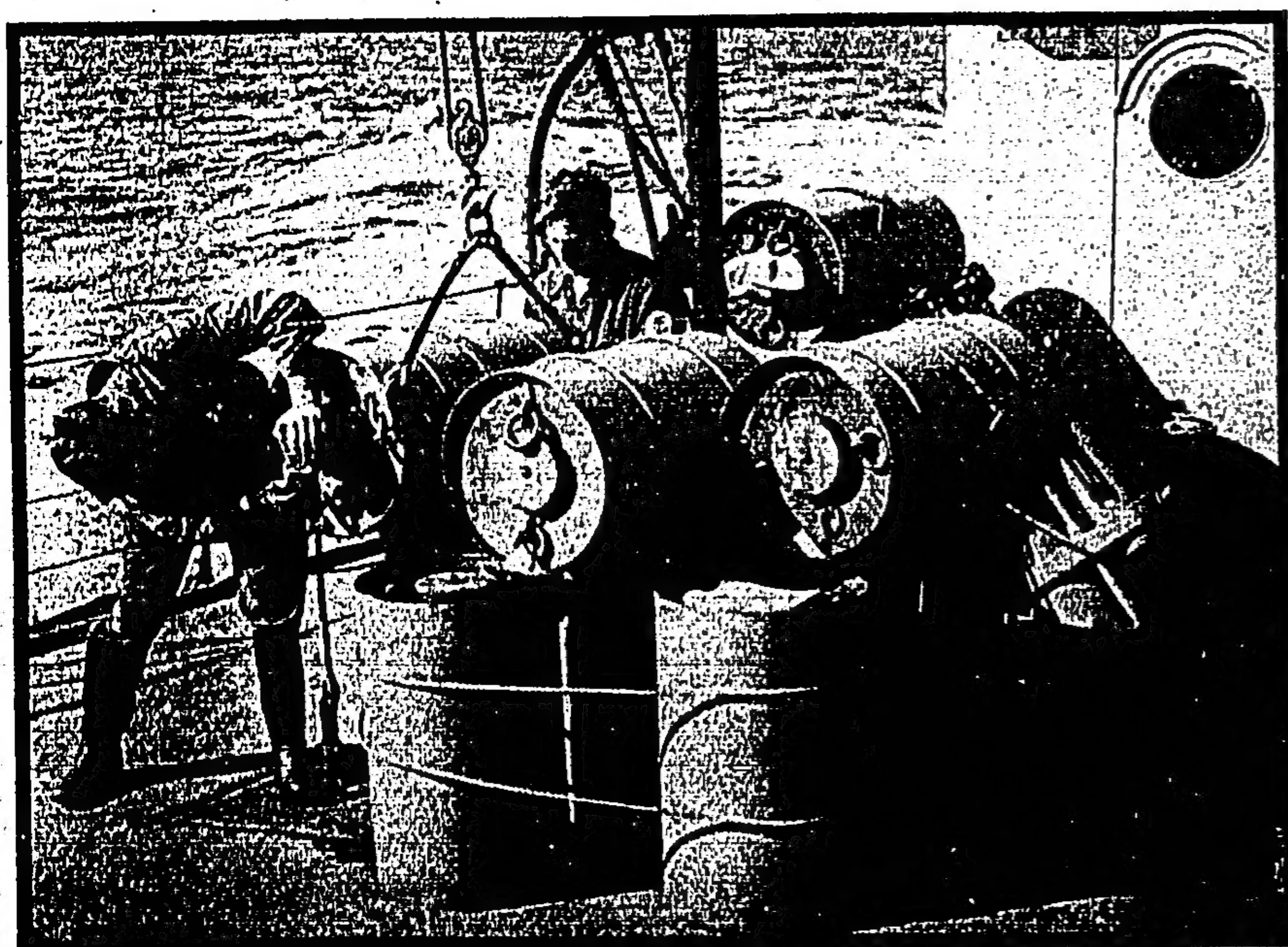
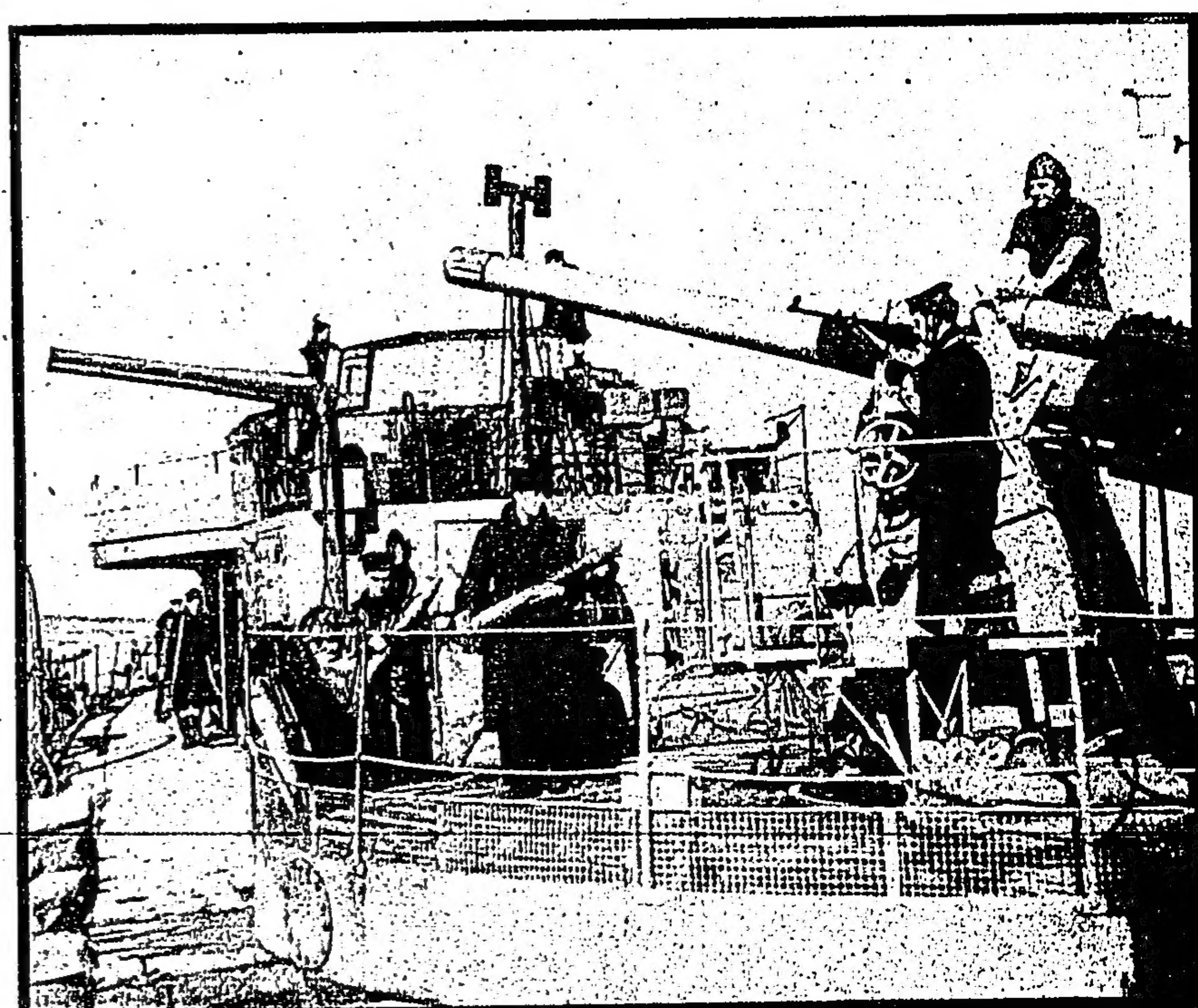
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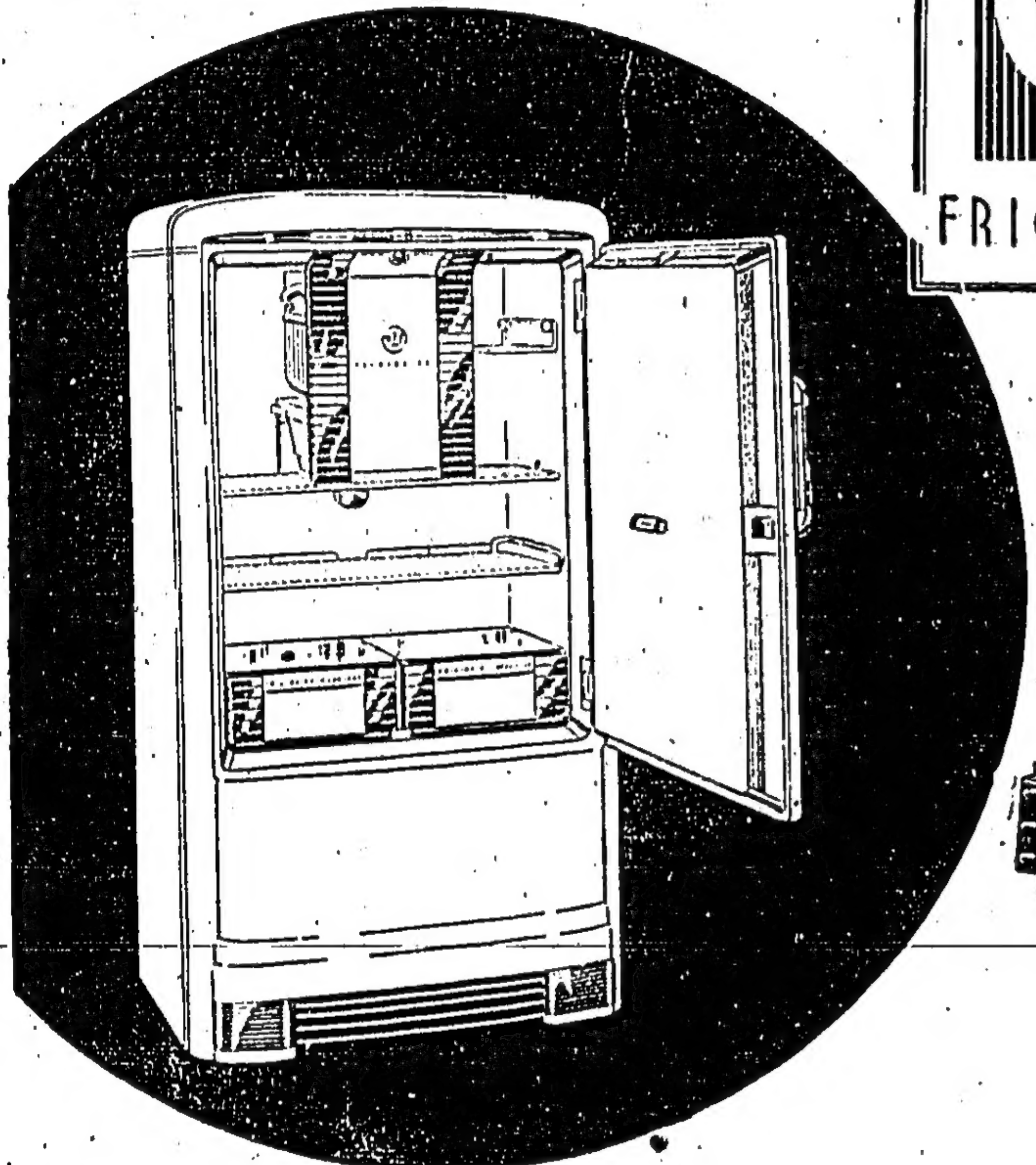
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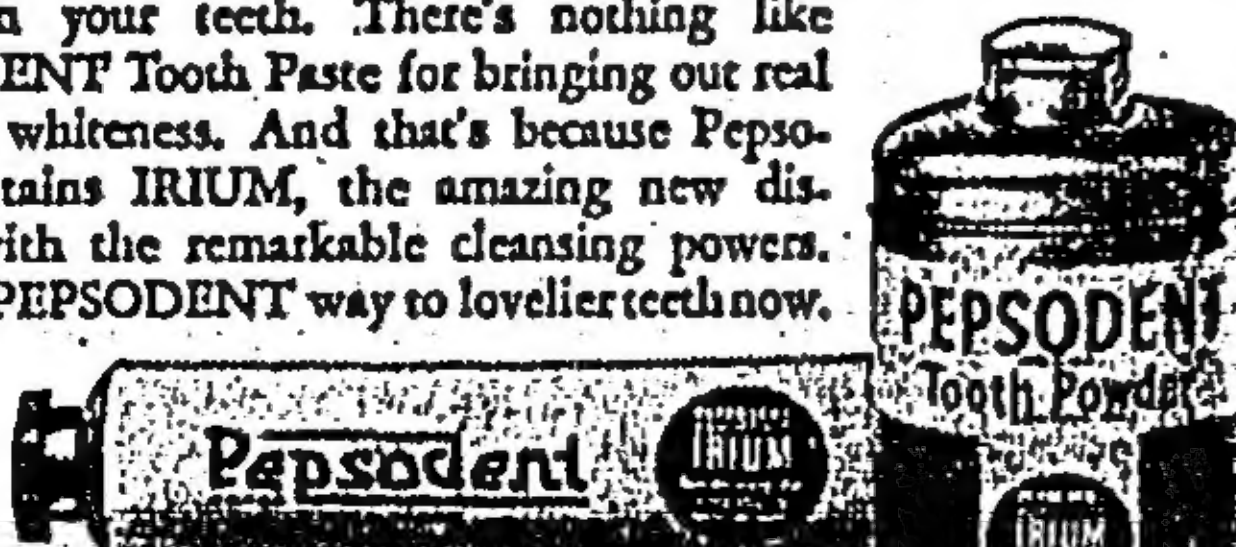
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Japan's East Indies Threat May Merge Separate Wars

By William Henry Chamberlin

(from the "Christian Science Monitor")

Reports that Japan is preparing another move for a stronger hold on French Indo-China, coupled with other developments bearing in a like direction indicate that it may not be possible to keep the European struggle distinct from the Asiatic.

Although a move that may be construed as of an appeasing nature has been reported in the agreement between Anglo-American and Japanese oil interests to increase Japan's imports of oil from the Netherlands East Indies, trends of an opposite nature are only too visible. One may cite the American embargoes on scrap iron and high grade gasoline for Japan, the warning addressed by the State Department to American residents in the Far East to leave, the threatening tripartite pact between Japan, Germany, and Italy, the recurring rumours of an Anglo-American arrangement for the joint use of Singapore and other Far Eastern naval bases.

Always A Connection

There has always been an intimate connection between war in the Far East and war in Europe. Technically the current war began in September, 1939. But the continent has never really been at peace since Mussolini invaded Ethiopia in September, 1935.

After the Ethiopian campaign came the Spanish

Civil War, which assumed an international character because of the official aid which Germany and Italy sent to Generalissimo Francisco Franco and the Soviet Union to the Republic, while thousands of French British, American, and refugee anti-Fascist volunteers fought in the Republican armies. After Spain came Austria, Czechoslovakia, Albania.

Japan has always taken close account of the European situation in framing its plans for expansion on the mainland of Asia. Europe's difficulty has been regarded as Japan's opportunity. It was no coincidence that Japan presented its "21 demands" to China in the spring of 1915, when Europe was absorbed in the first World War.

The "21 demands" led to no enduring results because Japan did not feel strong enough to back up its claims with armed force. Indeed, the chief net result of this Japanese excursion into power politics was that the Island Empire lost a good deal of money which was paid out in bribes to shifty Chinese politicians, who failed to deliver the political and economic concessions which they had promised.

A period of relative stability in Far Eastern affairs, as regards the relations between

foreign powers with interests in China, was inaugurated by the Washington treaties of 1922. But in 1931 the Japanese military leaders made the discovery that they could upset the Washington treaty structure, so far as Manchuria was concerned, without incurring and consequences more serious than moral condemnation.

Japan's Opportunity

Before Japan entered on its bigger adventure, the attempt to bring all China under Japanese control, in 1937, the world situation was carefully studied on the basis of reports from Japanese embassies in Europe and America.

The auguries seemed favorable. America was strongly isolationist. Russia had just shot its most talented generals and seemed unlikely to risk a war. Great Britain and France were so preoccupied with the ever threatening Spanish situation and with the general threat from the Axis powers that they also seemed to be eliminated, so far as active military opposition to Japan's advance was concerned.

Those who were in Japan at the time could see how each new alarm bell in Europe was a signal to further Japanese advance. When war loomed as imminent on the eve of the Munich Agreement, Japan prepared a picked expeditionary force for the attack on Canton which had hitherto been deferred because of regard for British susceptibilities.

It is not improbable that, if the war had actually broken out, this expeditionary force would have tried to "rush" Hongkong, the great British commercial centre, and military and naval base. The conclusion of the Munich pact may have caused

the rumoured idea of attacking Hongkong to be dropped.

The occupation of Hainan, the large island off the southeastern coast of China, a step equally distasteful to the British in Hongkong and to the French in Indo-China, took place in February, 1939, when British and French attention was concentrated on the Mediterranean crisis that seemed certain to arise after the ending of the Spanish Civil War. Japan celebrated the new crisis after Adolf Hitler marched into Prague by seizing the Spratly Islands, off the southern coast of Indo-China, a small acquisition territorially, but useful as an advanced submarine base.

Japan reacted to the actual outbreak of the European war more soberly than might have been expected. This was because of the alarm and dismay which the conclusion of the German-Soviet pact caused in Tokyo. The Cabinets of General Abe and Admiral Yonai were relatively moderate in their attitude toward the Western Powers.

Aggressiveness

But after the fall of France there was a new upsurge of Japanese aggressiveness, based on the theory that Germany would win the war and that Japan was the natural heir of British French, and Netherlands colonial possessions in the Orient. The present cabinet of Prince Fumimaro Konoye, with American-educated Yosuke Matsukata as Foreign Minister, is probably more closely identified with the Army than any Cabinet in recent Japanese history.

The interaction between Japanese expansion in the Orient and the European war has two sides. In Japan one was struck by the way in which Japan was inclined to exploit every European crisis for a new forward step. In Paris and London one could see the reverse side of the coin. French and British statesmen, their attention focussed on the struggle in Europe, to avoid complications with Japan as far as possible.

Greater U.S. Aid In Six Months

By Frank P. S. Glassey
(United Press Staff
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SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
NEW YORK, Jan. 10 (UP).—United States aid to Britain will assume drastic form within four to six months, according to the composite opinion of the nation's leading bankers as shown by a United Press survey.

The additional assistance, according to this survey, will take form in the repeal of the Johnson Act facilitating direct loans to Britain and an amendment to the neutrality law enabling American merchant vessels to transport munitions and other supplies to Britain.

The consensus of financial opinion was expressed by one of the world's best known bankers, who frankly discussed the position of the United States under pledge of anonymity.

Would Not Enter War
This banker expressed the opinion that the United States would not enter the war provided sufficient efforts are made to assist Britain within the next six months. This bankers argument follows:

British purchases from the U.S. have been mounting steadily and rapidly, helping this country materially, and at the same time averting a German threat in the Western Hemisphere as the British continued their military resistance.

These purchases are bound to decrease unless Congress repeals the Johnson Act and permits credits to Britain.

Sentimental Effect
This action would probably have primarily a sentimental effect since bankers do not believe that the large mass of American citizens would purchase British bonds.

"Certainly," the banker said, "as far as anybody knows there would not be an immense response to such an offering."

If the Johnson Act were repealed, the banker continued, the logical sequence of events would be the granting of American government credits to Britain, indicating that the administration would prepare within few months to finance British armament purchases here.

BIG JOB—LITTLE MAN



As They See It Abroad—"New York Post."

NANCY



By Ernie Bushmiller

THE throne of Greece, Britain's new Ally, has had a chequered history during the past thirty years.

King George II of Greece, is the only post-war European monarch to stage a "come-back" after having once been deposed and banished from his country.

Throughout his youth he was in the thick of the violent turmoil constantly raging around the "unluckiest throne in Europe."

Although he is only fifty now, during his lifetime his grandfather, George I, was slain by an assassin at Salonika in 1913; his father, the late King Constantine, was twice deposed and finally died in exile; and his brother, who succeeded to the throne before him as King Alexander, was

over and set up his younger and more susceptible brother, Alexander, as a dummy King.

Army Turned

After Alexander's sudden death from the infection of his pet monkey's bite, Constantine was recalled to the throne in 1920, but he quickly proceeded to get himself in hot water again. He fancied himself a great general and led the Greek Armies once more into a disastrous campaign in Asia Minor against the Turks.

The Greeks were beaten and the country blamed Constantine for the defeat. His own army turned on him.

One day in September, 1922, a military plane flew over Athens and dropped leaflets demanding the immediate abdication of the King.

Constantine didn't hesitate long. On September 27, he signed his formal abdication papers, turning

The King Who Was Mistaken For A Waiter



In 1928 he went before the Oxford Union and debated against the Spanish Professor Salvador de Madariaga on the advantages of "athletic as against aesthetic education."

The ex-King declared: "Instinctively, I distrust the professor and pedant. Give me a burly man of bone and gristle. The world is too full already of bookworms and blue stockings, long-haired men and short-haired women."

During the twelve years that followed the overthrow of the monarchy, Greece went from bad to worse. Cabinet after cabinet toppled. General discontent over internal economic woes hung like a black shadow over the country. The Republic was converted into an iron-handed dictatorship under Field Marshal George ("The Thunderbolt") Kondylis.

By 1935 Greece was in the throes of open revolution once more. Kondylis found royalist sentiment rising in Greece by leaps and bounds. Of the 300 seats in Parliament, 287 were captured by royalist supporters in the election of June 9.

Kondylis proclaimed the abolition of the Republic, declared himself Regent, convoked the National Assembly to decree a

a proclamation expressing his gratitude, and said:

"Let the past be relegated to oblivion. There should be absolute equality and justice for all."

The King plunged at once into the gigantic task of restoring order to the country. There had been no less than 25 cabinets and two dictatorships during his exile. Eager to smooth over the harsh political hatreds that had been turning the nation topsy-turvy with unrest, he announced a general amnesty freeing political prisoners who had been locked up during the rigid rule of Marshal Kondylis.

The latter resigned in a huff, and George quickly formed a non-partisan cabinet.

Aware of the need of a strong military force behind his throne, the King entrusted this post to 65-year-old General John Metaxas.

General Metaxas was made Premier, Minister of War, and Minister of Foreign Affairs—the three key posts in the Government.

Ever since that time, George has worked hand in glove with General Metaxas.

George's existence at the palace is dull, methodical, unspectacular. He wakes up very early every morning and reaches for the latest editions of the morning papers.

After reading the papers, he has a large British breakfast, puts on his admiral's uniform, walks through the tile-paved cor-

ridor of his palace into his favourite workroom, the library.

The palace is far from pretentious—just a simple three-storey affair of white, built in pure Greek style with balconies and high windows through which the King can look down on his curiously costumed honour guards, the famed Evzones, who wear fezzes, richly-embroidered jackets, fleecy moccasins, and long white stockings, the tops of which are barely concealed by short flaring skirts.

George usually shares the noonday meal with his brother, Prince Paul, the heir apparent to the throne, and one or two aides-de-camp.

Prince Paul, in contrast to George, is very gay and fond of dancing. He recently married Princess Frederica, granddaughter of the former Kaiser of Germany.

Favourite Pastime
After lunch the King usually goes out into the palace garden and spends an hour or so pottering around in the open, plucking at a weed here and there. Then he goes back to his desk.

George makes it a rule to receive and treat exactly alike the leaders of all the many-striped political factions in Greece, even the Communists. In this manner he has achieved a reputation for impartiality that has commanded respect.

His favourite pastime in the evening after dinner is to tune in on the short wave radio broadcasts from this country.

Unlike King Carol and King Zog, both of whom are fond of champagne, George is a teetotaler, his favourite beverages being tonic water with a slice of lemon, ginger beer, or ginger ale—which "bad habits" he acquired, as he did so many others, in England.

King George is very much interested in medicine and studies it as a hobby. His intimates say that if he had not been born to be a king he might have become a physician.

George, who ascended the throne the same day as King George II.

Eighteen months earlier, George had married Princess Elizabeth, daughter of Queen Marie of Rumania.

Almost from the day he took over the tarnished crown from his father, George was a virtual prisoner in the Royal Palace.

The new Cabinet that came into power after Constantine's abdication was a bloodthirsty one bent on wholesale revenge for the disastrous Asia Minor campaigns. Six former ministers and generals were court-martialed and shot.

King George, 32 years old at the time and a newcomer in politics, was so disgusted he wished to abdicate forthwith. But he was prevented from doing so by the strong-arm methods of the cabinet, which watched his every move, refused to countenance any abdication and kept him under the guard in the palace with all of the honours but none of the powers of a sovereign.

Not content with remaining a puppet of the dictatorship, King George tried to stage a counter-revolution, but it was nipped in the bud and he was forced to flee with Queen Elizabeth on December 17, 1923, after the National Assembly had voted to depose him, less marriage, and there was no love lost when the ties were broken.

George, in modest circumstances though he was, became a popular figure in London's fashionable court circles and a frequent visitor at Buckingham Palace.

Ultra-British in his manners, he was in great demand socially, and for twelve years he enjoyed his exile, riding, hunting, and travelling.

Even in exile George was a stickler for etiquette and propriety.

"World Too Full Of Book-Worms"

In London they still laugh over the incident in the vestibule of Quaglin's Restaurant where

a wealthy American approached George, who was waiting for some dinner guests, and mistaking the immaculately dressed ex-king for the head waiter, asked him for "a table for six."

Without batting an eye, George escorted the party, graciously, if a bit stiffly, to the entrance and told the American he could take whichever of the many empty tables he cared to. Just then the manager came up, flabbergasted.

Assembly ordered him out of the country.

Greece was proclaimed a republic, and the possessions of the royal family were confiscated.

Exiled In London

George courageously refused to sign a formal deed of abdication, although he was offered the return of some of his properties if he would do so. Instead, in a parting letter to the president of the council of ministers, he merely stated that he was "going away for the time being."

Queen Elizabeth, apparently, had little regret over the turn of events. She was sick and tired of Greek politics and she finally told her husband that throne or no throne, she would prefer life in Rumania. They separated.

A few years later, George, living the quiet life of an exile at Brown's Hotel, in London, with £2,000 a year to his name, received notice from a Bucharest court to appear and defend himself against his wife's divorce action. He ignored it.

After forty minutes of deliberation, the court granted a dissolution of their marriage. It had been an unhappy child.

With great bowing and scraping he explained to the American who it was had done the honours for him. All three laughed after an embarrassed pause, and George passed it off with a courteous nod as he walked away to join his own party.

George found time during his exile to engage in his favourite sports. He has always been an enthusiastic athlete, a good swimmer, tennis player, and horseman.

restoration, and telegraphed George to fly back to Athens at once.

When first news of the Greek revolution reached him, George was shooting lions and tigers in India as the guest of the Maharajah of Bikanir.

When he returned to London he received a delegation of Greek leaders in July of 1935 but informed them he would not return unless there was a national plebiscite in Greece with at least a 60 per cent. vote in favour of his restoration.

A plebiscite held showed 95 per cent. in favour of George's return.

George hesitated no longer. He packed his belongings, and on November 14, accompanied by his younger brother, Prince Paul, he started homeward. At the station to bid him farewell were the then Prince of Wales, the Duke and Duchess of York (now King and Queen of Britain), and the Duke and Duchess of Kent.

The royal party travelled by train to Brindisi, Italy, where the Greek warship Helle and an escort of two destroyers awaited the returning king.

Like Ulysses returning from his Odyssey, George sailed back to Greece and rode into the capital on the morning of November 26. The Greek air force circled overhead. Twenty-one guns boomed the royal salute.

At Hadrian's Arch, the gate of Athens, the sentries shouted the traditional challenge: "Who goes there?"

And George replied in the traditional words of his ancestors: "I am the King of the Hellenes."

The King rode through wildly cheering lanes of his countrymen over a four-mile route, in the shadow of the pillared remains of Ancient Greece's famed Acropolis, to the parliament building that was once his father's palace.

There, with Field Marshal Kondylis, now called the "King-maker," at his side, he went out on the balcony and saluted the cheering Athenians packed in the square to greet him.

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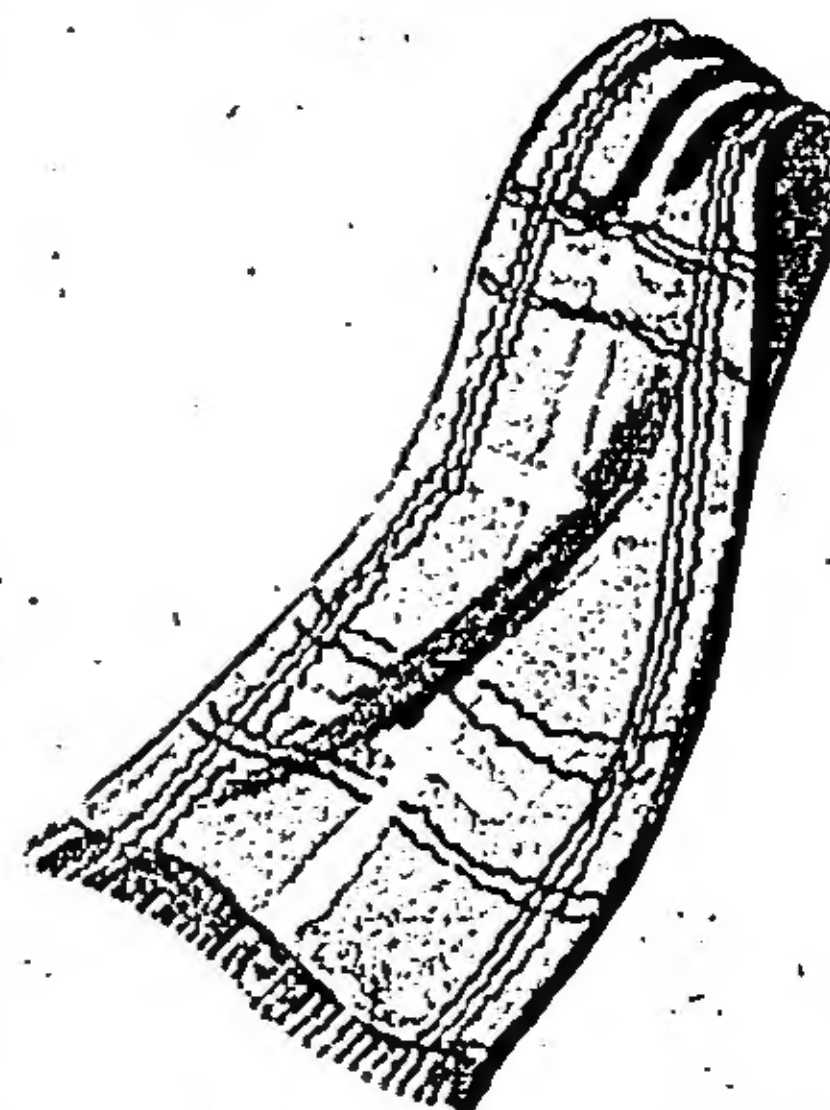
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Many Frenchmen who have escaped from France and the French Colonies say that a great change of feeling has come about in regard to the war, and there is now a

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There is in France and good for them to know of resolution and for having in the French Colonies and all their news is strongly seemed to have been outwitted in a matter of vital importance for the Free French cause. rapidly growing feeling of sympathy for the British cause. They are, for instance, quite unaware of the British Government's offer to the Reynaud Government at Bordeaux. They have heard no word of the agreement with General de Gaulle by which the restitution of France in the plenitude of her power is guaranteed in case of victory. No news of the successes of the R.A.F. in their resistance to the German attacks or in carrying the counter-offensive into Germany ever gets through the Vichy censor. Nor is any hint given of the possibility of a defeat of Hitler.

The very fact that so many do make their way out of France or away from the African possessions is in itself some indication of the determination to fight on which does exist. For every man who is successful dozens are turned back or are unable to evade the vigilant watch kept by the Germans or their agents on the frontiers.

All those who have made their way out have suffered hardships which only men certain of their cause would have voluntarily undergone.

In contrast with the indifference, and even hostility, of many Frenchmen of three months ago there is now said to be a majority who, if permitted to express a free opinion, would leave little doubt where their sympathies lay. This transformation of spirit has grown naturally out of the native sanity of the French people themselves, as well as from the trend of events since France capitulated.

Broadcasts Jammed

Perhaps it is unfortunate that more has not been done to water this fertile soil by propaganda or action. British broadcasts suffer from jamming, and ordinary French radio sets are too weak to pick up the programmes. The change in opinion has flowed naturally from the heartening fact of British resistance, a resistance which neither German boasting nor the inflation of German military prowess and lampooning of British military "ineptitude" by the inspired Press has been able to shout or write down.

To-day even in that controlled Press, in such papers as the *Depeche* of Toulouse, the great newspaper of the Midi, there is a noticeable indifference towards Vichy, while journals like *Figaro* and *Candide*, though they bow to the Vichy will, carefully avoid taking any anti-British line.

Stifling The News

Some Frenchmen think it peculiar that the British have not taken greater advantage of both the open and latent feeling expressed most strongly in the Midi and the Pyrenean districts. Throughout unoccupied France the immense majority of the people are completely ignorant of what is happening outside France. They only know what it is considered

Naturally the Vichy Government used the incident further to buttress their attacks on Great Britain, but without great success.

Supporters of Petain

It would be wrong to suppose that Marshal Petain has no support in the country. While the future development of the war is so obscure, Vichy can claim the active or passive backing of certain elements in France. Those are partly moneyed people who have something to lose and hope to save something by clinging to the chariot-wheels of the Marshal. Others, often of honest men and patriots, are disgusted with the past and believe that the regeneration of France is possible through some such programme as the Vichy Government has proclaimed.

From A Correspondent lately in France

Vichy Government. It would, moreover, prepare the ground for any daring strategic move which might be contemplated.

The Case of Dakar

The case of Dakar and its effects on popular feeling are interesting; the general reaction was different from that after the battle of Oran. In the state of bewilderment which existed at the time, the naval action at Mers-el-Kebir was easily twisted so as to have the worst possible effect on the public attitude towards England.

The action at Dakar was certainly deeply regretted, not perhaps for the attack itself, as for the failure to press it home to success. But the burden of the blame is put not so much on the British as upon General de Gaulle for having shown a lack

of courage. A high German official is reported to have said that it was vitally necessary for the Germans, if they are to gain the victory, to forestall always and everywhere any possible British move. The Germans are anxious to find industries outside the range of British bombers so as to maintain their essential war output. The manufacturing centres of Lyons and elsewhere in Southern France might conceivably meet such a need in part.

The consequences of such a German move to the supporters of General de Gaulle in France and the Colonies are difficult to estimate. The effect must be to increase the numbers of those who will feel that the only hope for France is the formation of another Government in North Africa or elsewhere.

But all reports from Morocco and the Mediterranean possessions state that German control has within recent weeks shown a strong and rapid increase. The so-called armistice and disarmament commissions which have gone to Tunis, Algeria, Casablanca, and Dakar have been followed by civilian as well as military personnel who are assuming effective control of the key services.

Effect of Move

It is for this reason that the failure at Dakar is regretted as a misfortune by so many Frenchmen.

GODS OF CHINA



MAI LUK

(The Laughing Buddha)

This figure, contrary to popular belief, represents an actual man. He was a monk named Kai Chee, and he was born in the same district as Chiang Kai-shek, in the tenth century. He belonged to a meditation sect and seldom spoke.

In the course of his travels from village to village he begged from strangers and shopkeepers by holding out a large bag, with which he is sometimes shown. Having obtained whatever people could spare, he would then proceed to distribute the gifts amongst those he considered most needy.

He was a very happy man, indeed, for it is stated that nothing angered him. He was extremely fond of children, and they sometimes stole his shoes, his staff or his clothes. He was twitted by people for his waddling walk, but did not lose his temper.

In the course of time, it was thought that he might be the reincarnation of Martricia, the future Buddha of China. He himself also came to believe this, and when he died he sang a chant which said: "I am the real Martricia, for Martricia comes down to earth in every age but no one recognises him."

Some time after his death, he was canonised, and in the Ming Dynasty the honorary title was conferred on him of "Ming Jow Din Yin Ng Dai See."

Walter C. Clark.

TELEGRAPH QUIZ

- Place these Army units in order of size, smallest first:—battalion, platoon, division, brigade.
- An accenter is (a) an organ stop (b) a law court official (c) a bird.
- What have these dates in common:—1714, 1727, 1760, 1820, 1910, 1936?
- What "ology" treats of fishes?
- The Druses are (a) East Indian islands (b) a Syrian tribe (c) ancient Celtic priests.
- To what collection of animals do these terms refer:—(a) gaggle (b) farrow (c) fry (b) kintle.
- What was the date of the first day of the twentieth century?
- What are (a) dragon's head (b) dragon's left eye (c) dragon's mouth?
- What opera was composed to celebrate the building of the Suez Canal?
- What are (a) a Philatelist (b) a Philippe (c) a Philologist (d) Philomel (e) Philomathy?

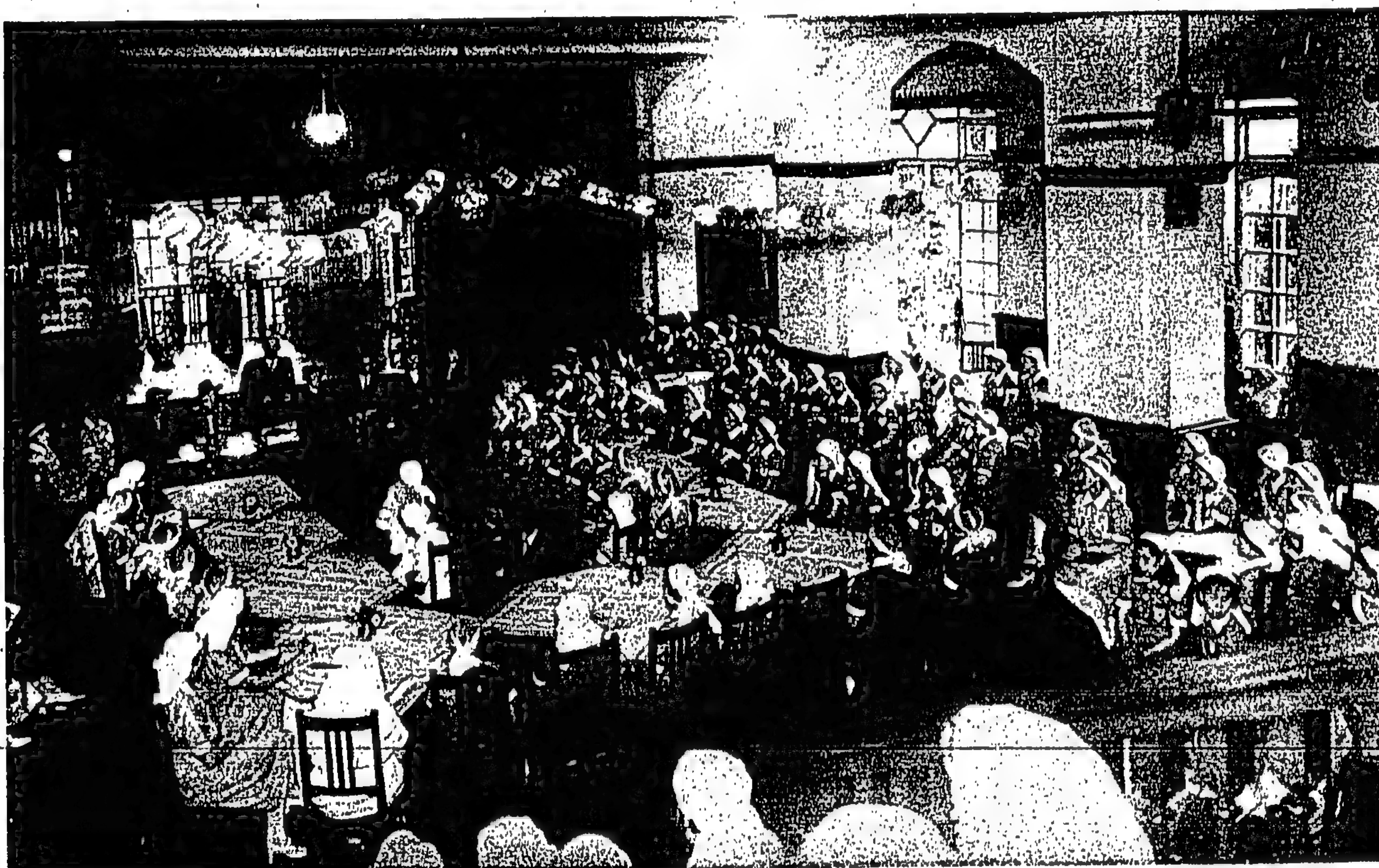
Answers on Page 14.



TSE-WONG—Mr and Mrs Tse Ka-iu photographed with relatives after their wedding at the Gloucester Hotel recently. The bridegroom, who is an accountant of the Bank of Canton, is the eldest son of Mr Tse Yan-pak, of Messrs Dodwell and Co., Ltd. The bride was formerly Miss Wong Chung-pui. (Photo: Venus Studio).



ANNUAL DINNER—The annual dinner of the Sino-British Cultural Association (Hongkong Branch) was held recently at the Chinese Merchants' Club. Picture includes Professor Hsu Ti-shan (at right), Mr and Mrs M. H. Lo, Lt-Col H. L. Dowbiggin, Miss Helen Yu, Mr and Mrs Percy Chen, Mr. A. Nissim and Mr E. M. Raymond. (Photo: Moe'Cheung).



A.N.S. TEA—Miss S. F. Sutton, M.B.E., Principal Matron of the Medical Department, who is leaving shortly on retirement, was farewelled at a tea party at the Helena May Institute recently by the Auxiliary Nursing Service. In the above picture, Dr D. J. Valentino, Deputy Director of Medical Services, is seen addressing the gathering. On his left is Miss Sutton and next to her is the Hon. Dr P. S. Selwyn-Clarke, Director of Medical Services. (Photo: Moe'Cheung).



LEUNG-HO—Mr Francis K. S. Leung and his bride, the former Miss Mary Ho, who were married recently at St. Margaret Mary's Church, Happy Valley. (Photo: Moe'Cheung).

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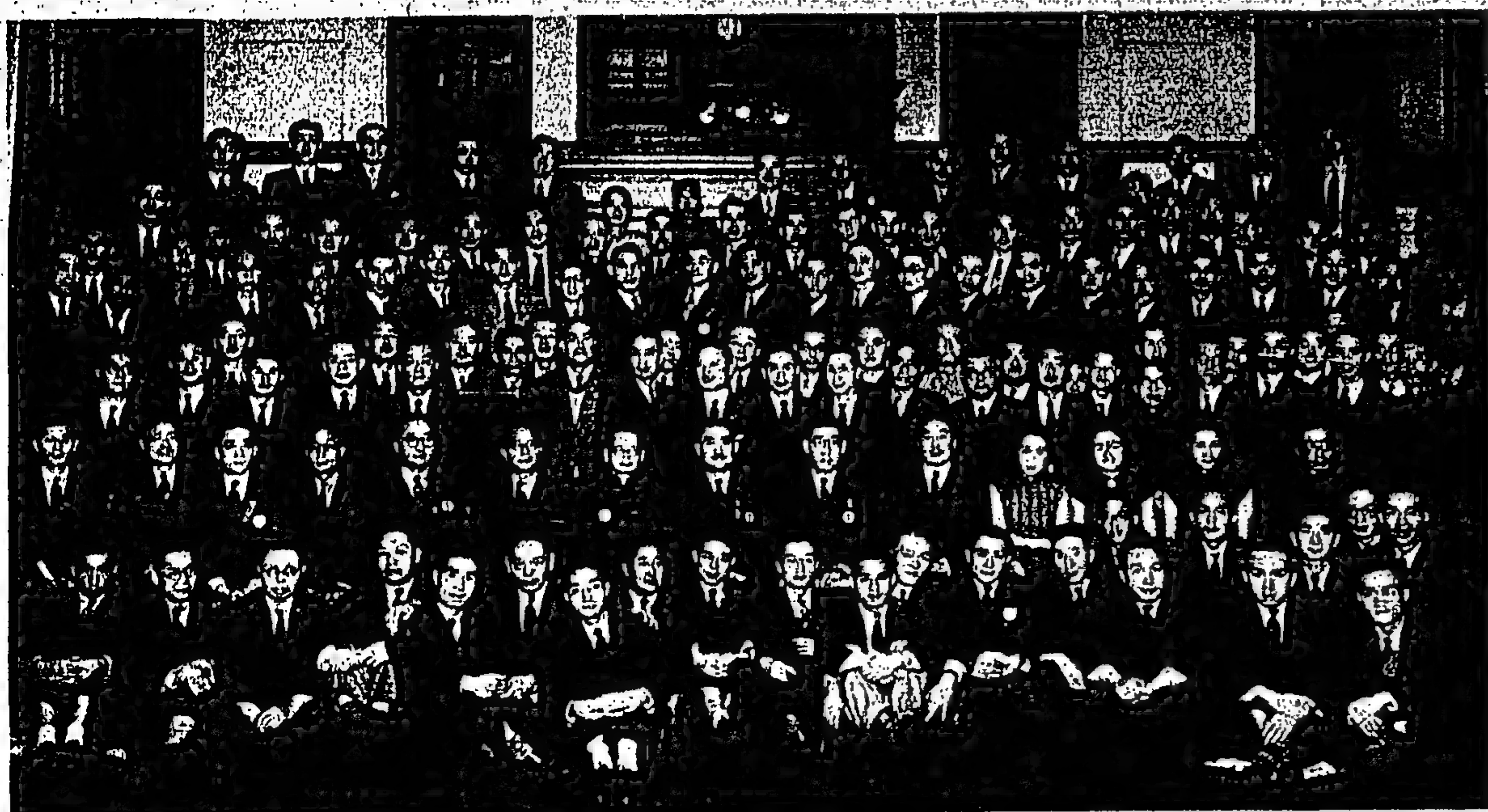
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NEW YEAR'S EVE—The picture above was taken almost a split second before the clock struck twelve on New Year's Eve at the Kowloon Cricket Club, where a large crowd attended the annual fancy dress ball. Right: novel and impressive costumes were worn by Mr Vic Labrum, Mrs Hale, Mr D. O. Silver, Mrs J. P. Whitfield, Mrs Longbottom, Miss Betty Longbottom and Miss Cissy Passos. (Photos: Ming Yuen).





ALUMNI DINNER—Photograph taken at the recent dinner of the alumni in Hongkong of the Chiao Tung University. The dinner was held at the Chinese Merchants' Club. (Photo: Moo Chung).



K.C.C. CHRISTMAS TREE—Group photograph of the children who attended the Christmas Tree party at the Kowloon Cricket Club on New Year's Day. (Photo: Ming Yuen).



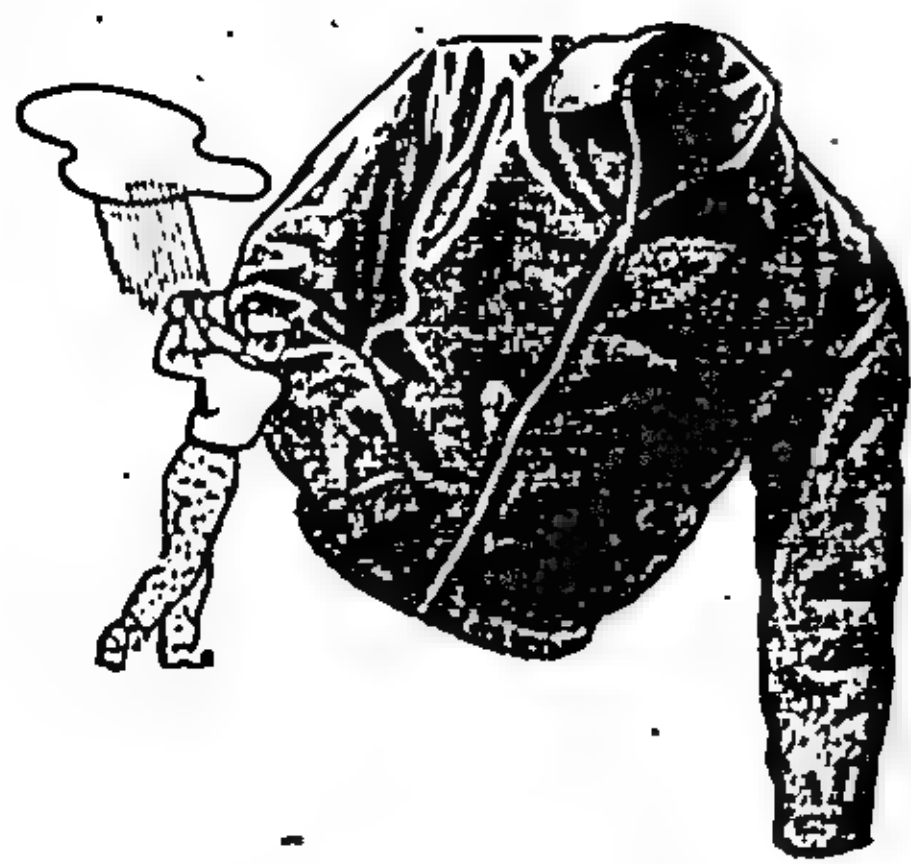
ROLLER SKATING CONTEST—The first roller skating contest since the revival of the sport in the Colony was held at the Ritz, North Point, last week-end, when great interest was aroused. Top pictures show two events for boys and girls, and competitors and officials are seen in the group beneath. (Photo: Ming Yuen).



CHRISTMAS DINNER—The members of the Little Flower Club, King's Park, photographed with the Rev. Fr. A. Riganti (centre) after their Christmas dinner and celebrations. (Photo: Ming Yuen).



THE R.A.O.C. Junior Ranks' Club held their New Year's Eve dinner at the St. Francis Hotel, where this photo was taken. (Photo: Ming Yuen).



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WOODCUT ARTISTS—Chinese refugee woodcut artists are very active in Hongkong. Photo shows some members of the Society of Woodcut Artists who attended their recent annual meeting. (Photo: Now China Newsphotos).



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FROM the beginning of time men of every race have worked with clay; taking it and forming it into roughly shaped pots and bowls, baking them in the sun or by fire until they were strong enough to hold water, and be used as cooking utensils.

In some countries these clay pots and vases have developed into little more than roughly shaped pottery, but in others, China among them, a fine art has emerged from these rude beginnings. In China, the ultimate outcome of the potter's craft is the exquisite porcelain which is one of the most beautiful products of a country which we have come to associate with beautiful things.

"It is like a bright moon, cunningly carved and dyed with spring water;" "It is like curling disks of the thinnest ice filled with green clouds;" "It is like tender lotus leaves filled with dew drops, floating on the river." That is how the Chinese poets sung of their porcelain, and as we look at some of the beautiful examples that are still with us to-day, we must admit that they had good reason.

THE history of Chinese porcelain goes back to legendary days, and thus much of it must necessarily be taken as legend. But with the Tang dynasty (A.D. 618-906) the story has fully emerged from the mist of legend and much fine pottery was made in the Sung dynasty (960-1279). We know for a certainty that at that time many manufacturers of porcelain were at work, making different types of ware.

ultimate outcome of the Potter's craft in China

During the reign of the Emperor Shih Tsung (954-959) a very beautiful porcelain called Ch'ai was said to have been made—"blue as the sky, thin as paper, shining as a looking glass, and giving out a sound like a musical instrument when struck." This last attribute is one of the tests of true porcelain—if it is tapped with something hard it gives a musical sound.

A book on music published in the 10th century states that twelve cups can be used to form a musical instrument of a certain type, but only cups of porcelain are suitable, as earthenware does not give a musical sound.

The same Tang Emperor, Shih Tsung, ordered that all porcelain made for the Imperial household should be "the colour of the blue of heaven seen between the clouds after rain." Fragments of this ware were so treasured that they were afterwards worn as ornaments in headdresses, and as jewels.

During the Sung dynasty (960-1279) the celadon type of porcelain with which we are familiar to-day came into being. The typical celadon, intended for export, had a grey porcellaneous body, and a thick clear, translucent glaze of a sea-green colour. It was thick and admirably suited to withstand the rigours of transport. It was very popular as it was said to detect any poison in any food that it might contain.

A much thinner and more delicate type was also made, but this was not exported. This celadon was distinguished by its rare bluish-grey colouring. It was made at Lung Chuan. Certain families specialised in its production and two of the greatest artists of this period were both named Chang; one was famous for his "blue" vases, and

the other for the very thin vases of rice colour which he made.

IT was between 1004-1007 that marks were first used on pottery and porcelain, the Emperor having decreed that a mark should be put upon all pieces made for the Imperial household. This habit continued, with several breaks.

During the reign of the Emperor Kang Hsi, it was ordered in 1677 that no name marks were to be put on the palace porcelain in case it should be broken, and the Imperial name thrown upon the dust heap. It should not be imagined, however, that all porcelain with the mark of any particular reign upon it was necessarily made in that dynasty; for it must be remembered that the Chinese copyist is correct to the last detail (even to the patch on your coat!) and a large amount of copying has been done of all the porcelain of the classic periods.

Just before and during the reign of Kublai Khan, who had his capital in Peking, Chinese porcelain became known (1280) in western Europe. This may have been due to the Crusaders who took specimens home to

In addition to the reign marks, which, as I have said before, are really no proof that the piece is of that period, there are marks indicating where the porcelain was made—at "Big Tree Hall" at "The Hall of Abundant Prosperity" and so on. There are also marks of dedication and good wishes, as the mark of "Double Joy" which was inscribed on pieces intended as wedding gifts, the mark of "Great Good Luck" and so on. The letter "G" often to be found on pieces in European collections is the private mark of an English merchant for whom the ware was made.

WE in the East are very familiar with the many different porcelain figures which often look out upon us from the shop windows. Practically every figure has a name and a legend attached to it—and the animals all have some significance. Of dragon, geese and ducks, I talked in the opening article of this series, of the last two the first represents domestic felicity and the other, when in pairs, wedded bliss. The stork is the emblem of long life, and the cock or hen the pleasures of country life, while the bat, stands for happiness.

The most common figure is perhaps that of Kuan Yin, the Queen of Heaven; her name means Hearer of Prayers. Clad in flowing robes she is usually holding a child on her knee, or carrying a peach in her hand. Sometimes she has boy attendants. Very popular with the shopkeepers, possibly because they are sold in sets, are the Eight Immortals—and certainly they are a very attractive company.

The first and greatest of them is Han Chung-li who is supposed to have discovered the elixir of life. He carries either a fan or a fly whisk. The second, Lu Tung-pin, carries a sword, with which he travelled the earth killing dragons and evil spirits for 400 years. Lee Teekwae is represented as a lame beggar with a staff. He has this humble form as one day his spirit left him to pay a visit to the celestial regions, and upon returning found that his body had disappeared, so he took refuge in that of a poor lame beggar, and in it he remained.

Tsao Kwo-kin carries castanets, Lan Tsao-ho, a woman, carries a basket of flowers. My favourite, Chang Ko-lau, lived in the 8th century. Usually he rode upon a mule, but when he wanted to walk he just folded it up and put it in his pocket. When he wanted to continue his ride, he just flicked water over his pouch and the mule appeared again. A most economical arrangement, and one that should commend itself to all impecunious horse lovers!

The seventh immortal, Han Seang-tze is represented as playing the flute, and the eighth, Ho Seen-koo is a lovely maiden who lived in the 8th century and wandered about the hillsides living on ground mother-of-pearl which insured her immortality. She is always seen carrying a lotus flower.

There are many others, Shou Hsing the god of longevity, a bearded old man with a happy grin on his face, Lu Hsing, the Taoist star god of rank, with his moustaches and whiskers. Finally there is Tung, the god of porcelain. It is told of Tung that when, during the Ming

THE great Ching dynasty (1644-1912) was the most made for the Imperial palace in Chinese porcelain, although a great deal of the porcelain of this period was the potter, leapt into the furnaces of the older ware, nace. His sacrifice was not in Most of the specimens in vain for when the kilns were private collections in Europe opened it was found that the are of this period, even bowls were there in their accus- if they bear an earlier mark. The marks on porcelain really brilliance of colour. And for require an article in themselves, this act he was most fittingly for they are many and varied, made the god of porcelain.

Private Life Of A Private

How to Treat A Friend

A further instalment from the diary of a journalist who recently enlisted in the Guards.

ONE might be deceived by the mild manner and easy amiability of our Squad Instructor when he is off duty. People have been deceived by it before, and have just about lived to regret it.

He reminds me of a certain kind of toffee I used to eat: it had a soft, smooth surface which encouraged you to take a hearty bite—and then you broke your teeth.

He looks inert. So does a spinning fly-wheel.

He is slender. So is a three-inch shell.

He doesn't exert himself more than is necessary. Neither does a leopard.

He is well-known for his good nature; which does not alter the fact that he transforms tender recruits into iron lines of grim fighting men. He gets his hands on human clay, and turns it into bricks.

It is all done by the shattering power of the trained voice, and the influence of patient reasoning. He is to the Army what the Infants' Teacher is to the Elementary School.

"You broke your mothers' hearts," he says, "but you won't break mine! You, Ginger, pull that rifle-butt across your body and keep your left hand back! Thumb along the seam of your trousers. What do you think the seam of your trousers is there for? . . . Or-der ARMS!"

"There. Some of you did hand-springs, some of you did somersaults, and some of you did goodness knows what.

"Strike your rifle with your right hand! Let's hear the smack! Your rifle's your best friend! So strike it hard! Don't stand there like a lot of glamour girls! (I wish you were a lot of glamour girls!)"

"Sa-fope ARMS! As you WERE. Throw it up! Grip it! Don't hold that rifle like a patty-cake! Like this—"

A succession of movements like the jerk of forked lightning; a cloud of Blanco; his rifle is sloped; his arm is riveted in the prescribed position.

"You in the rear rank; don't lounge about like a silly schoolgirl in a new frock; stand up, get a handful of that rifle, forearm parallel with the ground, elbow in, shoulders back, butt across the body! Now—Sa-loo-ope HARMS! . . . Better . . ."

Later, as we stand easy, he talks as man to man: "Don't worry. Don't worry about anything. You'll pass out. Because you've got to pass out. That rifle feels heavy; eight pounds ten ounces is the weight of the short Lee Enfield. But you'll get so you'll toss it about like a pencil and stick it behind your ear."

"What's the use of it, you say. I'll tell you. When you've got a ruddy great Herr von Fritz coming at you full pelt, you'll be glad of all this."

"I know your arms ache, I've been through it myself, I know the names, you're calling me up your breath. But I'm getting you so that your rifle's a part of you—so that the proper use of it becomes instinctive. You'll handle it like a knife and fork."

"There's a war on! You're not slouching down the road with a penn'orth of chips in one hand and a bag in the other—you're soldiers now."

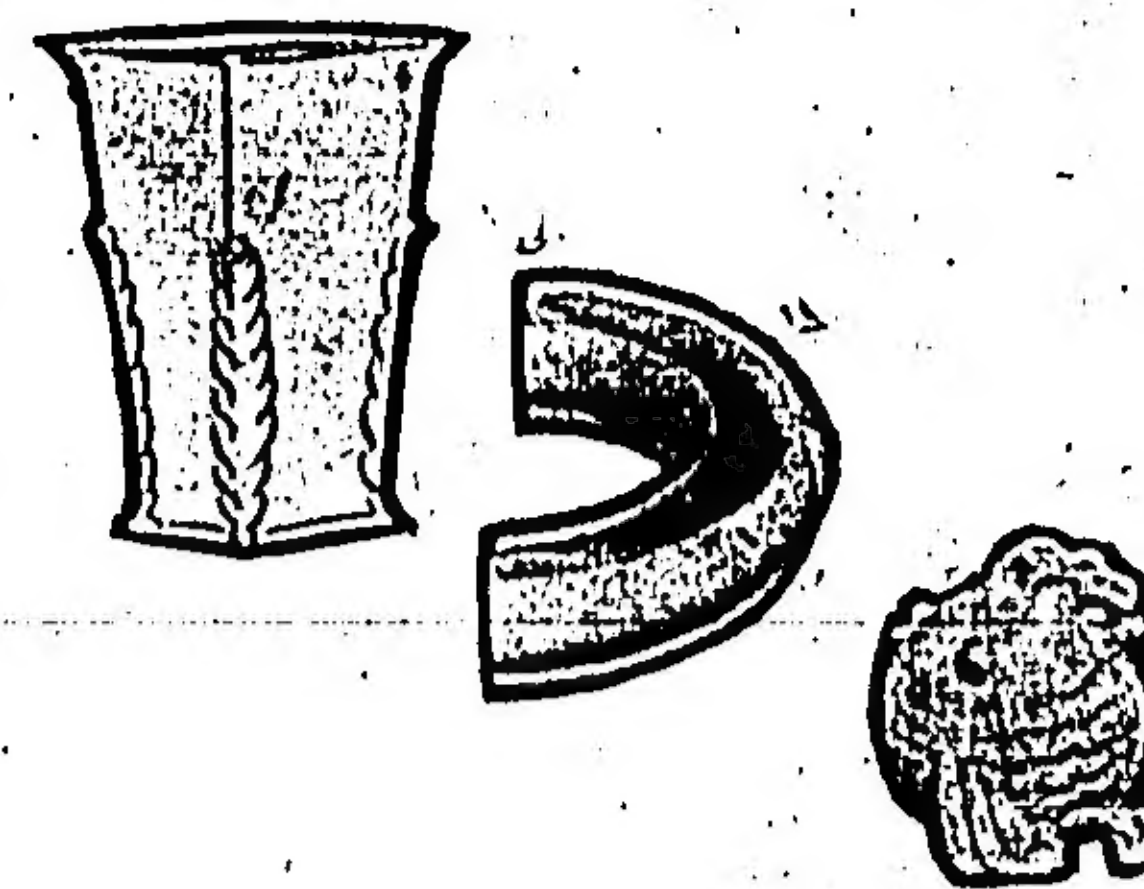
"Curse me now. You'll bless me to-morrow. I'll make you into heroes! You'll hold those rifles as steady as the Bloody Tower before you're through! Forget you ever saw Civvy Street and concentrate on this Arms Drill."

"In the Army you're a part of a machine. And if you're part of a machine, you've got to work well, or the whole machine is lousy. One cog can bust up the whole power station. "I'll make you quick, I'll make you slick, I'll make you jump over the flaming moon—I'll make you into soldiers, who'll fight their own shadows and bent 'em to the wall! "Smartness and confidence; that's what drill is for. "SQUAD! 'You WERE! "SQU-A-A-A-DI SHUN. 'Syou WERE! Squad, SHUN! "Move to the right in threes, Right TURN! 'Syou WERE! "I'll keep you here all day, but I'll get it right. RI-YEET TURN! Quick MARCH! Ee-igh, ee-igh, left . . . left . . . left . . ."

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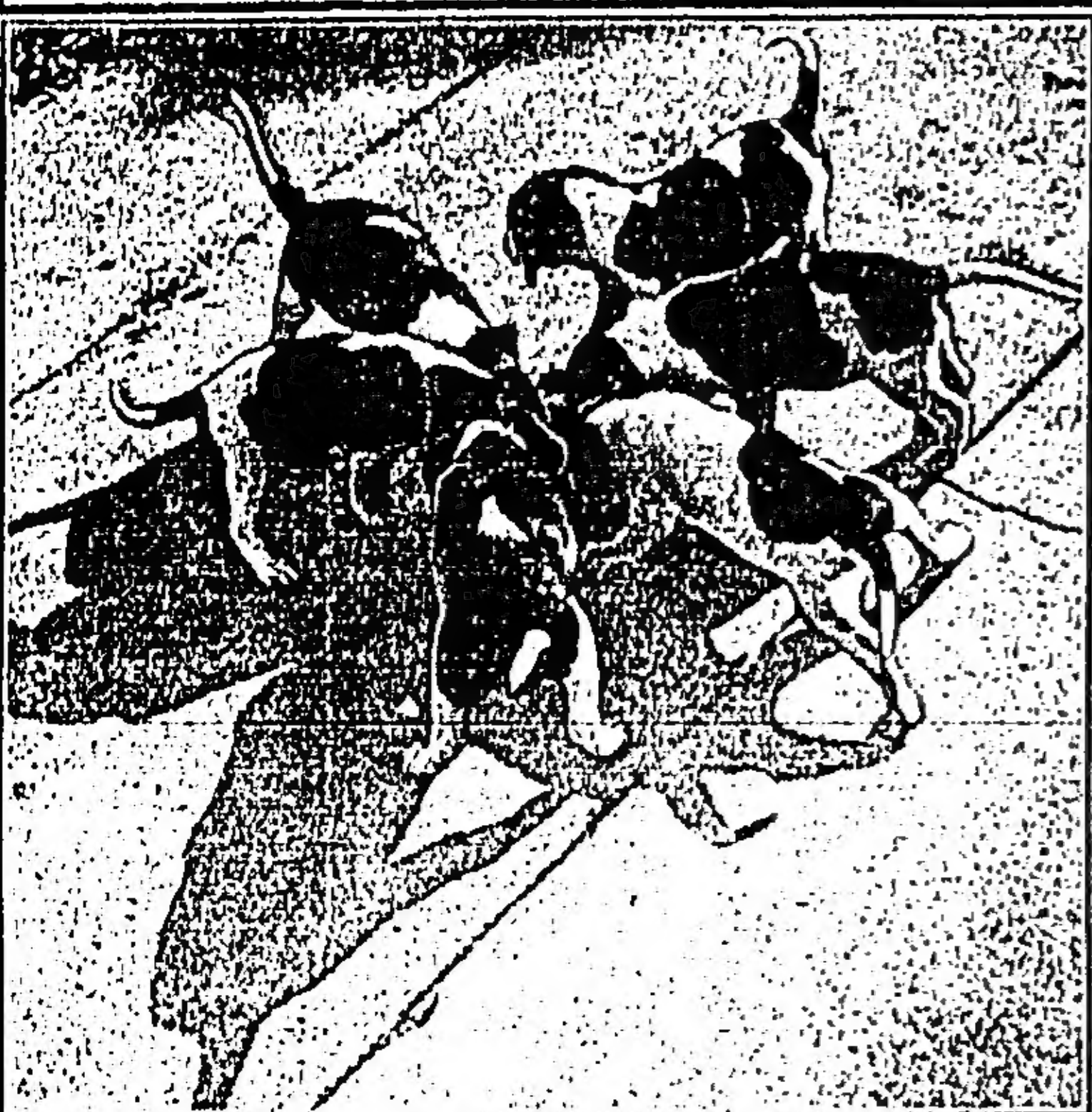
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The pattern effect adds interest to this puppy shot. Keep your eyes open for natural or "accidental" patterns. Or, arrange some patterns yourself—they make novel pictures.

PATTERNS make interesting pictures—and there are subjects for pattern pictures all about you. I don't mean formal, ready-made patterns, such as you find in cloth or wallpaper; but rather the pattern effects which occur through a grouping of objects, or through the action of light and shade.

For example, do you have an ornamental iron gate, or know where there is one? Then study the shadow it casts on a sunny day. This shadow will "repeat" the outline of the gate—and if you include both gate and shadow in a picture, you can get an interesting pattern effect.

The same holds true of a stairway railing, a window grille, or a child's tricycle. Shoot a scene through the window grille—using a small lens opening—and you'll have a novel pattern picture. Shoot the tricycle with its shadow on the sidewalk—not at noon, but a few hours earlier or later—and there's another effect.

Place a vase of flowers or a potted

plant in the shaft of sunlight that slants through your window. Note the shadow it casts. Picture the two—and you'll find the shadow adds "pattern interest" to the subject. This is especially true if shadows extend toward the camera. Pointing away, they're not so effective. Naturally, when shooting toward the light, you must take care that bright direct rays do not strike the camera lens.

Often objects can be grouped for a pattern effect. Sometimes they arrange themselves—as, for example, in the picture of the puppies above. Here, you have an informal "wheel-spoke" arrangement, a very effective type of pattern. Note that the shadow extends toward the camera. Since the camera was pointed downward, the lens was protected from direct light.

Try some pattern arrangements—using flowers, dishes, books, eggs, or other handy objects. They make interesting pictures, with nice decorative quality—and they'll add variety to your picture collection.

John van Guilder

Shakespeare—Balanced View

The Art and Life of William Shakespeare, by Hazolton Spencer. (New York: Harcourt, Brace, \$3.)

THIS book should appeal to a very wide public, as far in every direction as intelligent interest in the greatest of English geniuses reaches. It is up-to-the-minute in its scholarship but it does not emphasise Shakespearean erudition to the exclusion of Shakespeare. It is lucidly and gracefully written, with many touches of humour but without facetiousness. It handles grave matters gravely and light matters lightly. There is, of course, a great deal of unavoidable repetition of the known facts about Shakespeare's life and work; without this factual basis critical discussion hangs in the air. But all this is summarised in a brisk, crisp style which sustains interest in such problems as dates and sources, matters too often done to death by the dry-as-dusts.

Mr Spencer understands the point of view of the intelligent "layman"; to a large extent, indeed, he has that point of view himself. He has an admirably unpedantic willingness to admit absurdities, dullness, failures, and is not one of the

bardolaters who maintain that Shakespeare can do no wrong. He is always courteous when he has to do with opinions which he does not share, but without losing his patience he has no sympathy with the cranks and crotchets, the theorists and theories, the "disintegrators" who think they can detect the presence of one or another of half a dozen different hands in plays traditionally ascribed wholly to Shakespeare, or those who think they detect topical

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allusions to this or that great event of the time: the passing of Essex, the accession of James I, and so forth.

Regarding many disputed points of authorship, date, and the like, Mr Spencer's position is wisely "nescient." He is candid in saying that all that we know is that nothing can be known. With equal candour he admits probabilities or possibilities where self-respecting scholarship can make the admission. He follows the tradition of such sober, responsible, and reliable guides as Sir Edmund Chambers and Professor Kitteridge, by whom, if we are not always informed, we are, at any rate, never misinformed. His patience hovers on the brink of breakdown when he has to touch on the theories of such extremists as J. M. Robertson and J. Dover Wilson. As for the metaphysical criticism of such interpreters as Prof. J. Wilson Knight—they are never so much

as mentioned. Nor is Mr Eliot—which is refreshing.

Mr Spencer never forgets, as the analysts of imagery so often do, that Shakespeare was a man of the theatre and that he aimed at effects which would "get across" to his audience. Keeping this fact constantly in mind, he introduces into his discussion of each play a brief account of its fortunes on the stage. This part of his work is necessarily somewhat sketchy; he touches only the high spots; but I have not noted that he omits anything of prime importance. A valuable feature of this portion of his work is his alertness to the possibilities of certain plays that are seldom performed. Several of them he recommends to the producers, noting the reasons why the time is ripe for revivals. He is modern enough to be a devotee of the movies, while remarking humorously upon the faults and falsities of Hollywood; and he is aware of the promise which the screen holds out of magnificent performances of some of the plays which are ill-adapted to the "legitimate" theatre. Especially does he recommend to the cinema people "Anthony and Cleopatra" and "The Tempest."

No reader should overlook the notes; they do not crowd his pages but are gathered together at the back, with some loss of convenience, perhaps, but with a gain in acclimacy. They contain much entertaining erudition. The large bibliography is accompanied by brief remarks upon the importance and value of many of the items which it contains. It is conveniently arranged. The very full index is an indispensable part of the apparatus, for this is a volume crowded with matter. A number of illustrations, well chosen and beautifully reproduced, add to the value of this lively, learned, stimulating, and delightful book.

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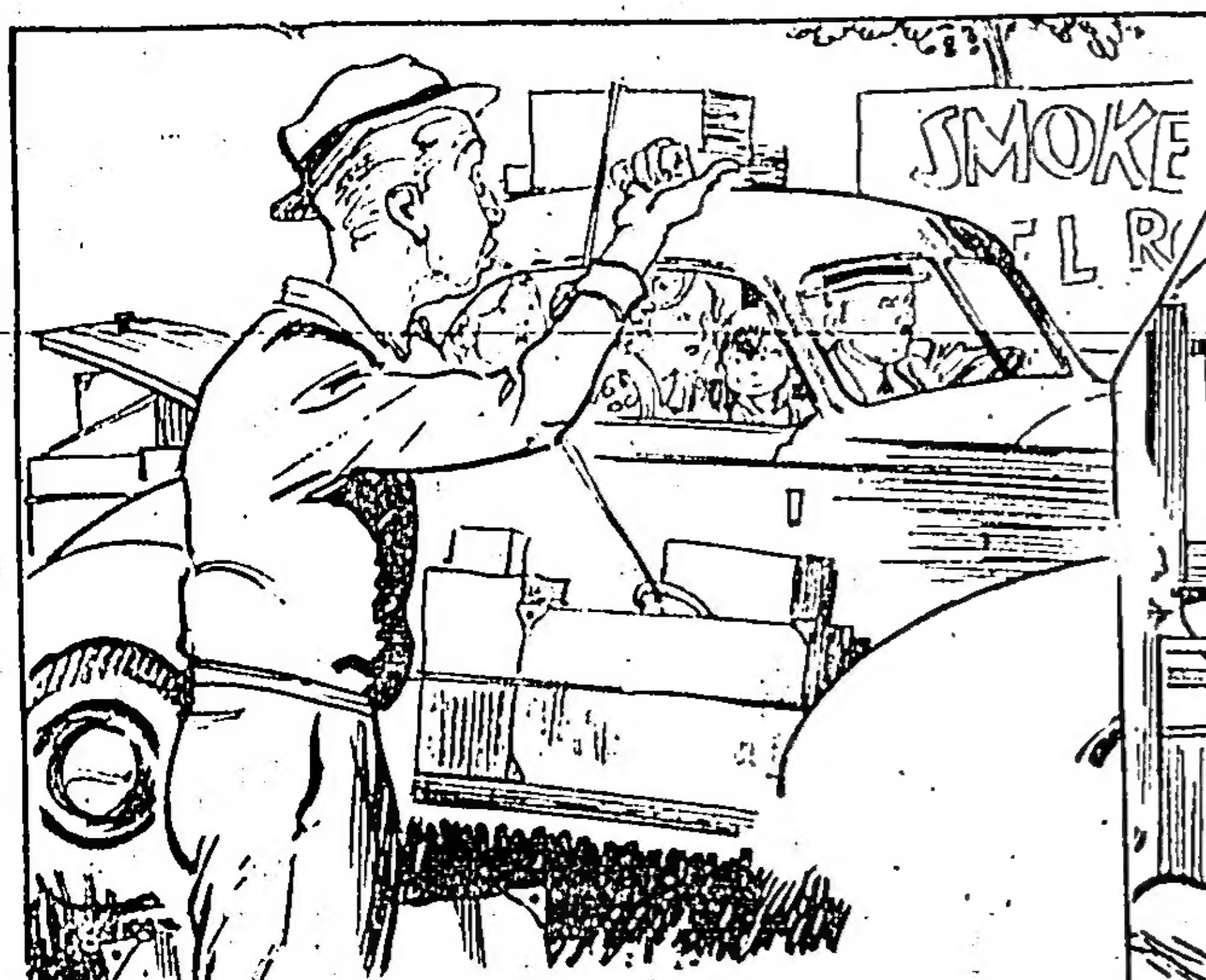
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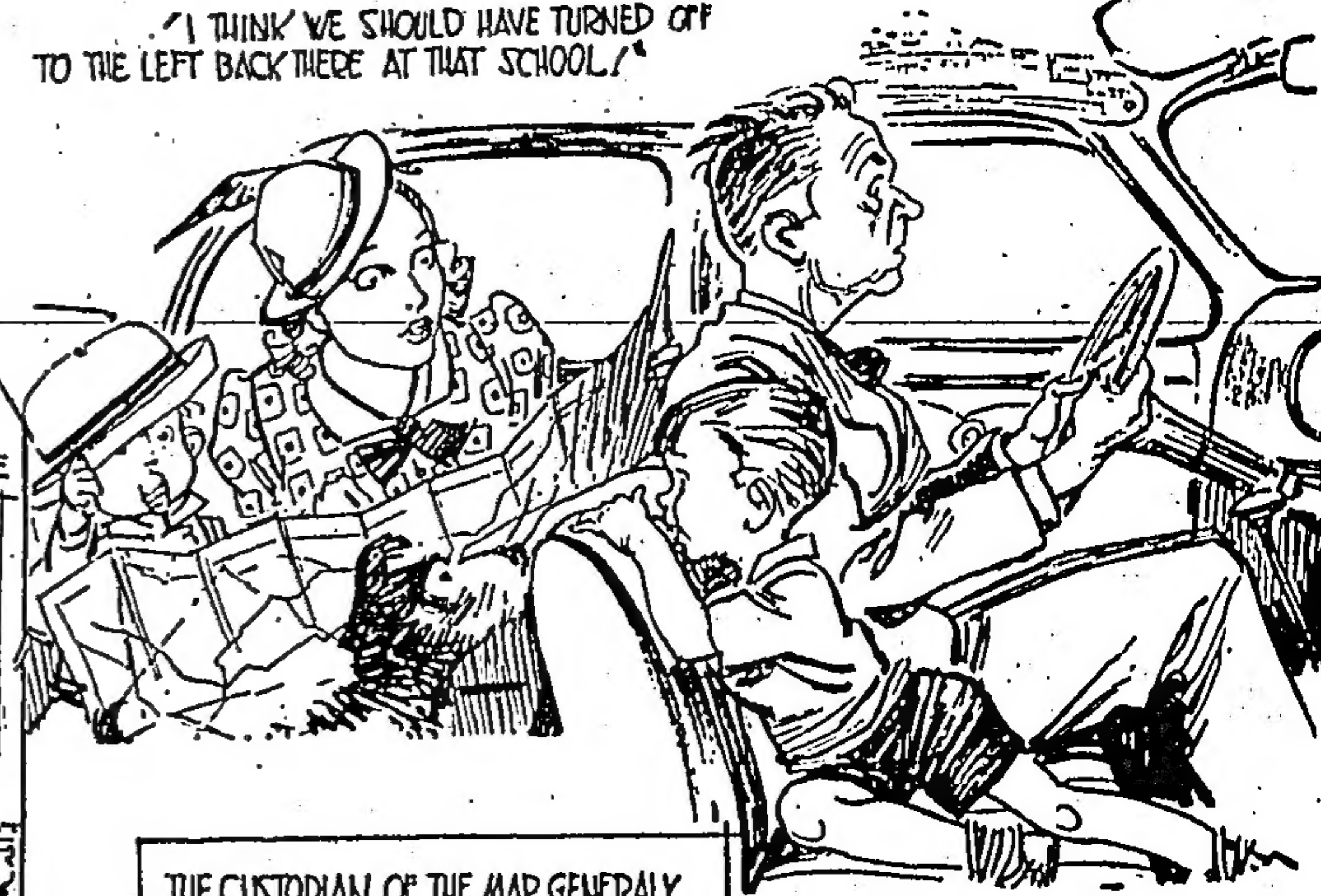
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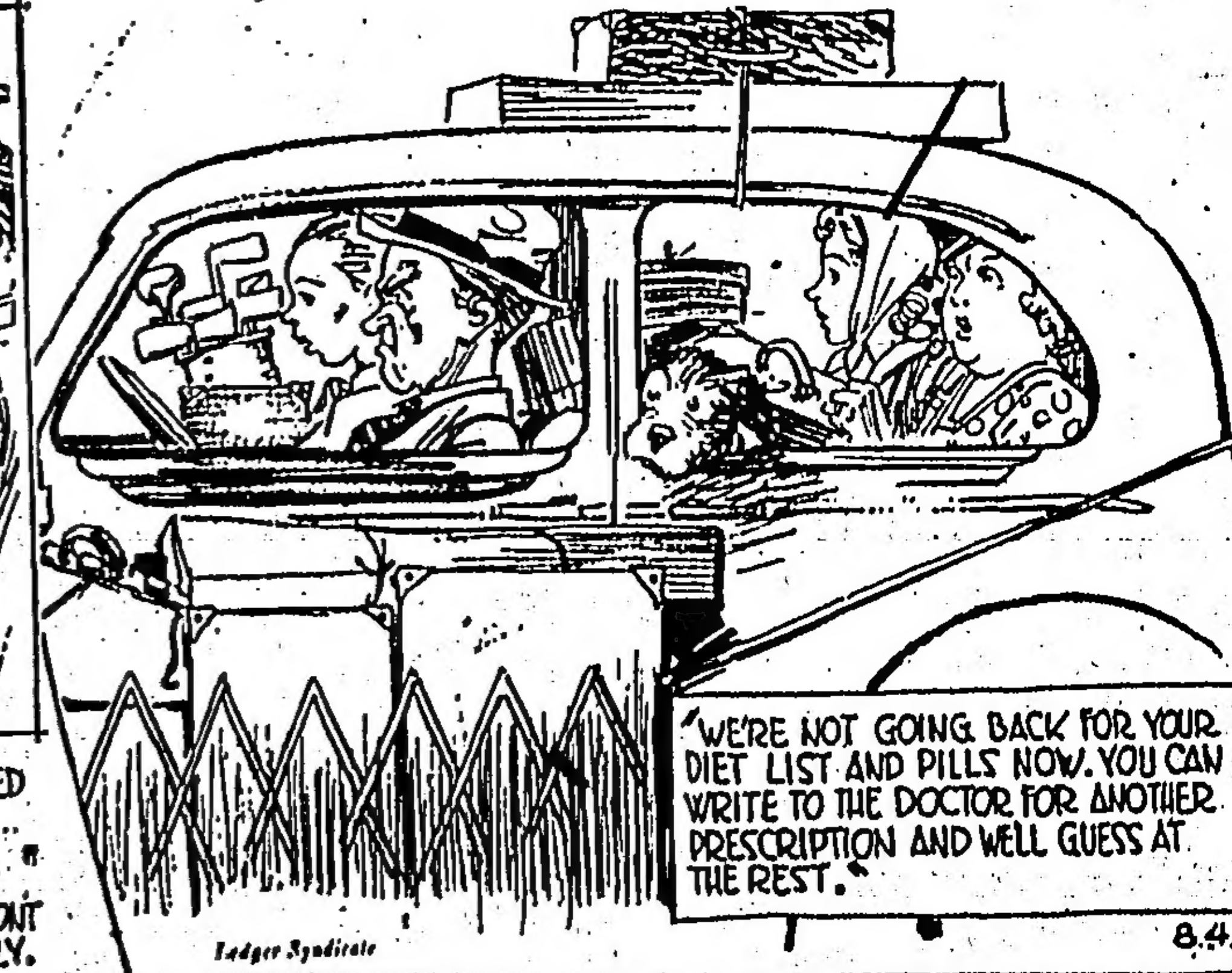
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A dramatic scene from "Pastor Hall," which is shortly coming to Hongkong. Left to right, Wilfred Lawson, Seymour Hicks, Brian Worth, Nova Philbeam and Marius Goring.

ALL-STAR DeMILLE

Cecil B. DeMille has forsaken the great open spaces of the west, which was the locale of "The Plainsman" the "Union Pacific," and has gone into the Canadian woods for the background of his new production, "North West Mounted Police," which is the current attraction at the Queen's and Alhambra.

This is an outstanding and beautiful outdoor film, photographed in gorgeous technicolour, containing a gory and absorbing melodramatic story in which the traditions of the red-coated constable of the famous brigade are preserved and passed on to younger men.

DeMille is past master in making "big" star-studded pictures, and for "North West Mounted Police" he has assembled a cast consisting of no other than Gary Cooper, Madeleine Carroll, Paulette Goddard, Preston Foster, Robert Preston, George Bancroft, Akim Tamiroff, Lynne Overman, Montagu Love, Lon Chaney, Jr., and other famous players.

The story which is related is more credible than the average yarn of the Canadian wilderness. It is founded upon an incident of insurrection and bloodshed which took place in and around Regina in 1885, when Canadian troops subdued discontent and revolt that had gone on for some 15 years.

Gary Cooper plays the part of a Texas Ranger come North on a search for a murderer, but finds himself in the midst of more gunplay than he bargained for before the end of the second reel.

Preston Foster, as the sergeant-leader of the redcoats, gets the better of Gary in the contest for Miss Carroll, who never seems quite able to make up her mind whether to stay up north where the winds blow or go south with Cooper where the

dust blows. Rivals at the fade-out are good friends. Foster has the girl, and Gary has the man he has been tracking tied up in his lair and on his way home.

Paulette Goddard, as a girl of mixed blood, causes a great deal of complications in the course of the picture, while there are also innumerable other turns and twists of plot in the way of this enjoyable film.

The film is long, running more than two hours. An interesting novelty is an introductory sound track talk by DeMille, in which he recounts the historical basis for the film. On the screen is a panorama of striking views which in themselves tell of man's conquest of forest and plain. It is an effective kick-off.

THE SEA HAWK

This hearty melodrama, in spite of its constant flourish of sword and cape, is painfully up to date.

Here is Queen Elizabeth busy appeasing King Philip and intent upon disarmament; here is the fifth column hard at work and in constant touch with the Spanish Embassy; here is Lord Wollingham, cast for the role of Quisling and about to receive plans of the Spanish invasion so that he may open our ports to the Armada.

It is all most discouraging, and what would have happened to England if it had not been for Mr Errol Flynn?

Fortunately the Spaniards were silly enough to make him a galley slave, thus putting a galley at his disposal, and by a little fifth column work on his own he is able to save England, or at any rate to put in some good propaganda in favour of disarmament.

Queen Elizabeth is even induced to make quite a fighting speech, and with this faint suggestion that there still remains some slight hope for the old country we are left to digest the moral of this curious film, which may be seen to-day at the King's.



Albert Basserman and Joel McCrea in an exciting scene from the Walter Wanger production, "Foreign Correspondent," soon to be shown in the Colony.

For many years, long, long before his reviewer attended the moving pictures professionally, he felt that one of the outstanding curses hanging heavily over Hollywood was its attempt to make movies that could be shown to the young without any damage to them.

When you have grown up, having struggled through what is to pass for your education, and are able to pass an intelligence test with colours flying right up to your own mental

By Archer Winsten

age, it seems asinine to be shunted back to the ten-year level in your entertainment. The excuse that examples of murder, rape, licentiousness, triumphant, or lengthy kisses would inspire the very young in years or mind to do likewise is compelling enough, but still acutely annoying.

In days gone by such considerations frequently caused this reviewer to assert that people so easily influenced should be kept at home or in institutions. The picture of the general level of American life should not be simplified and debased to a child's level of comprehension in order to protect weak minds and young. Let parents keep their children home, this department was fond of fulminating.

Alas, in view of actual experience with an eight-year-old daughter, that's easier said than done. The first requisite is a barred castle, surrounded by electrically charged barbed wire, and kept by a corps of trusted child lives in this world and goes to school with other children, the battle is lost almost before the first "No" is spoken.

Censorship, far from solving this problem, only pushes it to another level. Experience permits adults to live in a world of actuality while making automatic adjustments to the world of the movies. To the child a movie is apt to be as real as life and perhaps, at first, much more impressive.

In view of that fact, the mind shudders to think of the vast educational weight the movies bring to bear on the coming generation in America.

Not to go through the terrifying catalogue of Hollywood virtues, not to list the deadly identical routine of the Western, the lippy patois of the slum drama, the cops 'n' robbers pursuit, or the fleshless mooning of the love-drama—let me say that an awful lot of it adds up to thrills without discipline, effects without causes, and action for its own sake, and therefore, more often than not, poorly motivated.

To put it briefly, we start by saying the truth about men and women is too tough for a child. We end by giving them sugar-coated falsities about the way people live. Supposedly that will give them better understanding.

A committee of teachers and parents is willing to recommend for child consumption such spectacular and hollow circuses as "Boom Town," "Mark of Zorro," "North West Mounted Police," "Tin Pan Alley," "Strike

Movies for Children And Plausible Villians

Up the Band," and "Blondie Has Servant Trouble."

This committee does not list other current films such as "The Letter" (murder & infidelity), "The Westerner" (gun play), "Arise My Love" (sexy), "Escape" (anti-Nazi drama) and "City for Conquest" (metropolitan violence).

I cannot defend the latter-set as being wonderful for children, but I will say that their frightening effects could hardly be worse than the false teaching of the first group.

While on the subject of false pictures, let me call to the most one of the most misleading habits the motion picture industry has developed, the convention that villains

are dark, sinister, evil fellows whose expressions give them away even to the dullest child in the house. The fact is, as every innocent victim in the world knows, that all successful villains defy detection.

In short, the truth would be served by casting Clark Gable, Joel McCrea, Fred Astaire, Mickey Rooney, Lewis Stone, Errol Flynn, Gary Cooper, Charles Boyer, Spencer Tracy and Don Ameche as dirty-working rascals. For heroes we could have Basil Rathbone, George Sanders, Boris Karloff, Bela Lugosi, Lionel Atwill, Bruce Cabot, Stanley Fields, Peter Lorre, J. Carrol Nash, Eric Von Stroheim, George Zucco and Joseph Schildkraut.

Fortunately, all of the foregoing arguments are based upon the premise that a human being can really learn. That is debatable, though not in this column.



Leo Carillo, Louise Platt and Victor Mature in a scene from the Hal Roach production, "Captain Caution."

NEWS FROM LONDON

(From the "Telegraph's" Own Correspondent)

In films to-day, people are looking for what is gay. Therefore, it is good news that British studios are getting down to making pictures in tune with the times. With so many London theatres closed, there never was a better opportunity for such cheerful British films to have the best actors and actresses in the world. In some cases the opportunity is being taken.

At Teddington, Warners are making a story of Benjamin Disraeli with the title "An Empire was Built," with a cast that includes John Gielgud, Diana Wynyard, Will Fyfe, Owen Nares and Fay Compton.

At Sound City, for the filming of "Quiet Wedding," there is an extraordinary array of talent. Peggy Ashcroft is in a cast which includes Margaretta Scott, Athene Seyler, Jean Cadell, Margaret Halston, Muriel George, Marjorie Fielding, Margaret Rutherford and Martita Hunt. Such a cast in peace time would have been impossible.

As far as players are now concerned each performance can be like a command performance, and it is suggested that more British film studios should wake up to this situation.

Major Barbara and Kipps, representing Mr George Bernard Shaw and Mr H. G. Wells, are being filmed. Major Barbara will have Dame Sybil Thorndike, Miss Wendy Hillier, and Mr Robert Morley in the cast, while Mr Carol Reed, a most interesting and individual director, has Miss Diana Wynyard and Mr Michael Redgrave to play the leading parts in Kipps.

In the theatre world, so great has been the success of Lunch Ballet and the second session of After-Lunch Ballet, which have been packing the Arts Theatre twice daily from 1 to 2 and 2.15 to 3.15 that a third performance has been called for. This is known as Ten Ballet and is given from 3.30 to 4.30 p.m. each day. The price is 1/- and refreshments are available in the theatre.

Mr Donald Wolf is opening a season of Lunch-time Shakespeare at the Strand Theatre. In his first bill, Miss Cathleen Nesbitt will be his collaborator, playing Lady Macbeth and Beatrice to Mr Wolf's Macbeth and Benedick. The performances will begin at 1 o'clock and last one hour.



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YOUR HEALTH

BY CLAUD NORTH CHRISMAN, M.D.

REST AND FRESH AIR STILL ONLY TUBERCULOSIS CURES

TUBERCULOSIS of the lungs, or the "Great White Plague," has taken an enormous toll of suffering and death all through the ages. Entire nations have been decimated by its ravages. Until we discovered the cause, and increased our knowledge of how to prevent and cure the disease, it was the greatest single cause of destruction.

The discovery of the tubercle bacillus gave us some insight into the disease and its actions. When these little bacilli lodge in the different organs, such as lungs, glands, and bones, or other body structures, (since there is no part that is immune to their ravages), they multiply rapidly and destroy the tissues surrounding them. These assume a cheesy-like, broken-down appearance.

Many white blood cells rush into this area, surround it and try to form a protective barrier and destroy the bacilli. Thus scar tissue forms; nature tries to deposit lime in this new tissue in an effort to localise the infection.

WHEN INFECTION SPREADS

If the body is successful in walling off the infection, the patient recovers, but the calcified glands or healed areas persist; they are seen years after by use of the X-ray and prove that the patient did have tuberculosis.

These spots persist in the lungs, abdominal cavity, or in whatever part was affected. If the tuberculous areas are not walled off and calcified, which occurs when the patient is weakened from previous debilitating disease, is undernourished, or weakened from overwork, the disease area is unrestricted and the destructive action continues.

Cavities are formed when the cheesy matter is coughed up. The destruction of healthy tissue continues; blood vessels break down and hemorrhage occurs. Bleeding from the mouth is always dangerous and considered tuberculous unless it can be proven that it comes from the stomach or throat.

There are three types of bacilli; the human type generally affects the lungs and is usually contracted by close contact with someone suffering from active tuberculosis, often from one who does not know he has the trouble.

The bovine or cattle type is present in infected cattle and is usually contracted by the drinking of raw or non-pasteurised milk and it affects gland and bone. The poultry type is uncommon in humans.

DISCOVERY OFTEN LATE

The disease in all its forms is sneaking and is often far progressed before the discovery of its nature. That of the lungs often follows a cold or some weakening disease and presents a hacking persistent cough, gradual loss of flesh and strength, slight afternoon fever, with decreased appetite and loss of energy. At this time, active treatment may stop the process.

Tuberculosis of the bones and joints is slow to develop, and considerable destruction of bone and cartilage takes place before the nature of the trouble is recognised. The hip and knee joints are most

frequently attacked, as well as the joints of the spinal column. This often begins in children. The child ceases to play hard and becomes tired easily. He complains little during the day, but at night the relaxed muscles allow the diseased joint surfaces to come together and pain results. The child is restless, cries out in his sleep and the parents say he plays too hard. Pains of hip and knee disease are felt in the knee.

Frequently much destruction of the hip joint results before discovery. A stiff hip and some shortening of the leg are the results. The process of the disease is stopped. The so-called white swelling in the knee is due to tuberculosis. Tubercular disease of the spine is very common.

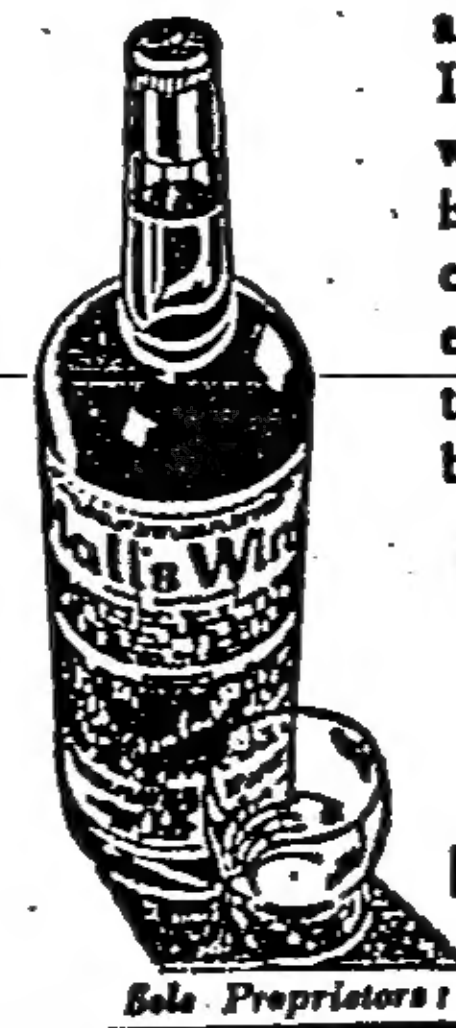
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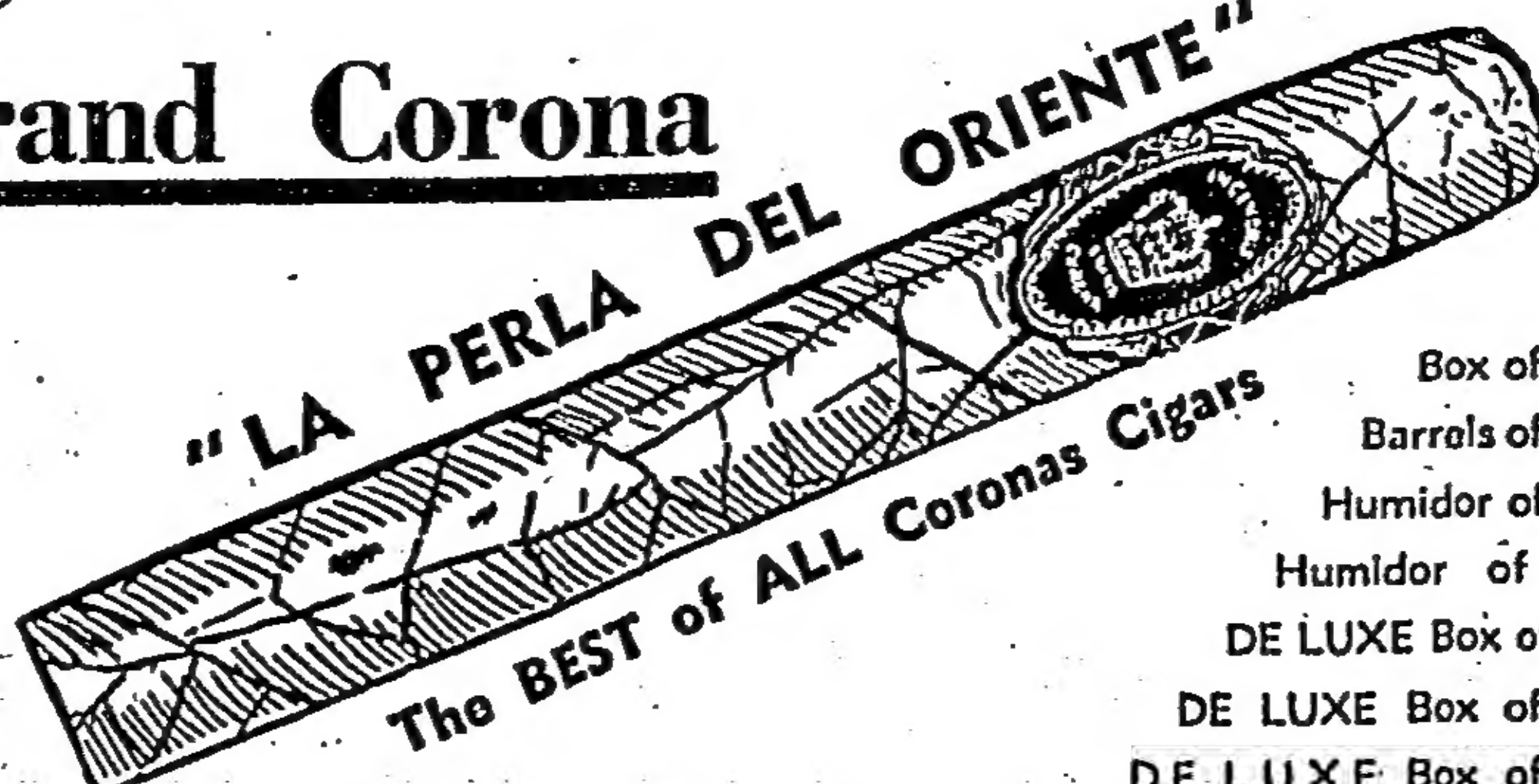
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